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Economic effect of a smoking ban up for debate

BY NICK TABOR
NEW ERA STAFF WRITER

Advocates on both sides of the smoking ban debate have plenty of economic impact studies to support their arguments.

Cancer-prevention groups have funded numerous studies showing that smoking bans either boost or have no effect on the business of restaurants and bars. Restaurant associations have funded studies that show the opposite.

Even researchers who do not show a clear vested interest in the outcome often reach contradictory conclusions.

However, studies consistently show bar owners expect heavier losses from the bans than restaurant owners do. Responses from local business owners bear out this trend.

Opinionated Hopkinsville residents on both sides have six weeks to talk with their representatives on city council. If a May 24 meeting goes the way Mayor Dan Kemp plans, the council will vote on his proposal for a smoking ban on June 5.

INSIDE:

Voice your thoughts on the proposed smoking ban

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Bar, restaurant reactions

Billy O'Neal has a long wooden counter separating him from his customers at Skyline Liquors. Here customers can puff cigarettes while they drink whatever they've purchased from O'Neal's shelves.

Standing behind the counter last week, O'Neal said he purchased the property 15 years ago with money he'd worked hard to save. He doesn't want someone else deciding whether his customers can smoke.

"I think it's my right as a property owner," O'Neal said. "I own it lock, stock and barrel."

If the city insists on banning smoking, O'Neal said, he would prefer it exempt bars. Kemp's proposal only exempts tobacco stores and private clubs, such as the Elk's Lodge and the Veterans of Foreign Wars building.

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Gov. Beshear announces plant expansion in Cadiz



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Transcraft Plant Manager Bryan Beasor (left) shows Gov. Steve Beshear around the Cadiz facility on Tuesday. Beshear toured the plant after announcing the company will be spending \$3 million on expanding the plant, which is expected to lead to 80 new jobs.

Transcraft may bring 80 new jobs to area

BY EMILY BRUNETT
FOR THE NEW ERA

CADIZ, Ky. — Atop a shiny flatbed trailer, Gov. Steve Beshear announced on Tuesday the coming expansion of Transcraft Corporation, a platform trailer manufacturer in Cadiz.

"Transcraft is the kind of successful company we want to come to Kentucky, and stay in Kentucky," Beshear told a crowd of plant workers, business representatives and community members.

The trailer company, a subsidiary of Wabash National Corporation, is scheduled to spend a majority of the year adding a 12,000 square foot paint facility to the existing plant. The company will spend nearly \$3 million on construction and new equipment, Beshear said.

The expansion marks an increase in business

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Gov. Steve Beshear shares a laugh with Cadiz Mayor Lyn Bailey (right) on Tuesday at the Transcraft plant in Cadiz.

ROTARY AUCTION: Schools to announce fundraising totals tonight

BY NICK TABOR
NEW ERA STAFF WRITER

pickles and other products, and at other schools they put on events, such as volleyball games for which they charge admission, said Frank Giles, Rotary Club president.

The competition is usually tight. But this year Giles has heard one of the schools worked harder than usual to raise money.

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Money raised Monday

Auction: \$7,400
Mini auction and general store: \$799
Diner and sweet shop: \$1,343
Century Club and Goat Club: \$70,000
Total for first night: \$79,543
Total for first night in 2010: \$81,081

Money raised Tuesday

Auction: \$9,601
Mini auction and general store: \$551
Diner and sweet shop: \$2,536
Century Club and Goat Club: \$7,200
Total for second night: \$19,888
Total for the week: \$99,432

Tonight, the third night of this year's Hopkinsville Rotary Club Auction, high school and middle school students will report the totals they've raised on the club's behalf.

Every year local schools compete to see which can raise the most. Some students sell



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WHO WE ARE: Bobby Torian, 49, Hopkinsville

After Bobby Torian finishes work for the day, at sunset, he drives to Lake Barkley and fishes into the night. Sometimes he stays straight through to the morning.

"It's relaxin' you know," Torian said. "There's just no worries."

The biggest fish he ever caught was a catfish that weighed around 8 pounds.

Unlike his brother, who re-

leases his fish back into the water, Torian likes to cook and eat the fish he catches.

Between work as a landscaper and fishing, Torian likes to spend time with his large family.

His uncle has 14 children,



another uncle has seven children and Torian is one of seven siblings.

July will mark his family's 35th annual reunion, to which around 300 to 400 people attend, Torian said.

Is there someone you know who deserves attention? We'd like to know. Contact us at 270-887-3238 or visit kentuckynewera.com. We'll take it from there.

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Animal rescue

Owl found in Cadiz to be released after receiving care. News A11

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Beshear reports on Eggners Ferry Bridge repair progress

EDDYVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Gov. Steve Beshear has visited the site where workers will assemble the steel truss for a replacement span for the Eggners Ferry Bridge on Kentucky Lake, which was damaged when it was hit by a cargo vessel in January. On Tuesday, Beshear said his administration has been “single-minded” about repairing



Beshear

the bridge and “restoring a traffic route that is critical to western Kentucky.” Hall Contracting of Kentucky Inc. is fabricating the components in Louisville and shipping them to the Lyon County Riverport for assembly. The truss will be transported by barge to the bridge site. The company will construct a deck for the bridge. Under the \$7 million contract, the bridge must open by May 27. The 322-foot bridge collapsed when the Delta Mariner crashed into it on Jan. 26.

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AbiLab	NY	2.04	3.4	15	59.87	-.01	+6.5	
AMD	NY	7.39	-.37	+36.9	
AlcatelLuc	NY	1.78	-.07	+14.1	
Alcoa	NY	12	1.2	18	9.63	-.07	+11.3	
Allstate	NY	88	2.7	21	32.46	-.19	+18.4	
Altria	NY	1.64	5.2	19	31.76	-.13	+7.1	
AmExp	NY	80	1.4	14	57.32	-.13	+21.5	
Apple Inc	Nasdaq	10.60	1.9	16	571.70	-.128	+17.5	
AutoZone	NY	...	...	...	19	382.00	+27	+17.5
BB&T Cp	NY	80	2.5	15	31.64	+0.06	+25.7	
BP PLC	NY	1.92	4.6	6	41.95	-.04	-1.8	
BioAm	NY	0.4	5	...	8.18	-.18	+47.1	
BarIPVix	NY	...	...	...	18.36	-.59	-48.3	
BrlMySq	NY	1.36	4.0	16	33.94	-.29	-3.7	
CampSg	NY	1.16	3.5	14	33.25	-.58	0.0	
ChesEng	NY	35	1.9	6	18.00	-.56	-19.2	
Cisco	Nasdaq	32	1.6	15	19.68	-.23	+9.2	
Citigrps	NY	0.4	1	9	33.25	-.64	+26.4	
CocaCola	NY	2.04	2.8	20	73.69	-.44	+5.3	
DR Horton	NY	15	1.0	40	15.06	-.32	+19.4	
DnSClear	NY	...	...	...	19.94	-.76	-24.7	
Disney	NY	80	1.4	16	42.01	-.34	+12.0	
DuPont	NY	1.64	3.2	14	81.82	-.80	+13.2	
ExxonMbl	NY	1.88	2.2	10	85.89	-.39	+1.1	
FordM	NY	20	1.8	6	11.35	-.36	+5.5	
FMCG	NY	1.25	3.4	8	37.16	-.41	+1.0	
GenElec	NY	68	3.6	16	19.07	-.29	+6.5	
HewlettP	NY	48	2.0	8	24.27	-.24	-5.8	
HomeDp	NY	1.16	2.3	21	51.10	-.36	+21.6	
Howmillnt	NY	1.49	2.5	21	59.20	-.19	+8.9	
HopFedBc	Nasdaq	0.8	...	...	8.65	...	+64.1	
ISHChina25	NY	7.7	2.1	...	37.00	-.100	-6.1	
ISHEMkts	NY	8.1	2.0	...	41.52	-.81	+9.4	
IS Eale	NY	1.71	3.3	...	52.38	-.107	+5.8	
ISRP2K	NY	1.10	1.4	...	79.10	-.111	+7.3	
Intel	Nasdaq	84	3.1	12	27.45	-.15	+13.2	
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One less voice of the people...

On April 19th 2012 at 04:20 am Roberta “Bert” Jean Galli’s life ended at her home in Hopkinsville KY in her eldest daughters arms. She had a long and eventful 73 years on earth. It all began being born in Latrobe, PA. June 8, 1938 to parents, both registered nurses who then moved to Michigan to work as nurses at the



Chrysler plant. She spent most of her childhood and adolescent life in Michigan proving to be an intelligent young lady with a talent for playing the piano. She married young to military career man. The nomadic life of a military wife suited her and started her journey to becoming the strong women we all know and love. She moved every three years with four children, a piano and a menagerie of pets. Along this path she found her career as a helicopter flight simulator instructor with the Army. Being one of the first women to hold this position she faced many of the obstacles which proved futile against her strength and charisma. She held this position for over forty years with the last ten as a CH-47 Chinook Flight simulator instructor at Ft. Campbell Ky. When her four daughters were off paving their own ways in life she started becoming active in her community. She became a chairperson for the Hopkinsville Christian County Airport board 1986-1987, volunteered at Sanctuary battered women’s shelter from 1989-2003 as a part time weekend support person and then trained to become a rape crisis advocate which gave her the opportunity to work in that section of Sanctuary. This motivated her to spur on awareness initiatives and organized ‘Take back the Night’ clothesline project creating awareness for crimes against

women. She then formed the Pennyroyal Chapter N.O.W. in 1993, served on the Board of Kentucky N.O.W. and also served on the Board of Directors of the NAACP. In 1995 she was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Pro-Choice Coalition of Kentucky. Between all of this she was very involved in her

local Unitarian Universalist Church and became a member of the following organizations: Pennryle Area Humanists, ACLU, Democratic Women’s club, WISH, Religious Philosophy club, End of Life of Choices, Compassion and Choices. She was a philanthropist. She instilled her love for music and the arts within her family. An avid reader and a thirst for knowledge and truth she was committed to making the world a better place. She always questioned and so should you. Survived by her family; Robert Galli, brother, of New Jersey, daughters Deborah Rager of Hopkinsville, Kathy Mitchell of San Diego Ca, Cindy Russell of Vincent Al, and Carrie Nunnally of Warwickshire England and grandchildren Carson and Cameron Rager, Christian and Ian Nunnally and Zoe and KiKi Mitchell. She had the best smile and was always there for us. We will miss her love, hugs, humor, laughter, spiciness, love for knowledge and dancing. Instead of flowers a donation to Hospice is appreciated. They are a compassionate group of people who helped her and family on her end of life journey. On Saturday April 28th from 11:00-17:00 we will celebrate her life with family and friends. Contact Debbie Rager for additional information.

LOCAL/AREA DEATHS

ROBERTA GALLI

Roberta Jean “Bert” Galli, 73, died at 4:20 a.m. Thursday, April 19, 2012, at her home.

She requested that her body be donated for medical science.

A service is scheduled at 11 a.m. Saturday for family and friends. Contact Debbie Rager for additional information.

A native of Latrobe, Pa., she was born June 8, 1938. She spent her youth in Michigan and then lived in many places as an Army wife, including Fort Campbell where she became a helicopter flight simulator instructor with the Army.

As one of the first women to hold that position, she remained for more than 40 years, the last 10 as a CH-47 Chinook flight simulator instructor.

She served as chairman of the Hopkinsville-Christian County Airport Board from 1986 until 1987 and volunteered at Sanctuary House from 1989 until 2003 as a part-time weekend support person and trained to become a rape crisis advocate.

In addition, she formed the Pennyroyal Chapter National Organization of Women in 1993, a project creating awareness of crimes against women, and also served on the board of Kentucky N.O.W. and served on the board of the NAACP.

She was also on the board of the Pro-Choice Coalition of Kentucky.

She was a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church, Pennryle Area Humanists, American Civil Liberties Union, the Democratic Women’s Club, WISH, Religious Philosophy Club, End of Life of Choices, Compassion and Choices.

She was also a pianist.

Survivors include her daughters, Deborah Rager, Hopkinsville, Kathy Mitchell, San Diego, Calif., Cindy Russell, Vincent, Ala., Carrie Nunnally, Warwickshire, England; a brother, Robert Galli, New Jersey; and six grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Pennyroyal Hospice.

WILLIAM J. DUERR

William J. “Bill” Duerr, 81, Pembroke, died at 12:20 a.m. Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at Pembroke Nursing and Rehabilitation Center following a long illness.

A memorial service will be at 6 p.m. Friday at Lamb Funeral Home.

There will be no visitation.

The body is being cremated.

A native of Shrewsbury, Pa., he was born May 1, 1930, the son of the late Alvin and Marie Julia Fry Duerr.

He had served in the Army and was retired from the Air Force and the Tennessee National Guard with a total of 30 years of military service.

He was a former marketing and public relations director for WTAE-TV in Pittsburgh and in the 1970s had headed United Way campaigns in Hopkinsville.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Eagles and the Elks and was a member of SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

His wife, Leah Hall Duerr, died in 2002.

Survivors include two sons, Brian J. Duerr, Clarksville, Tenn., and Jeff A. Duerr, Pembroke; a daughter, Mrs. Murray (Judith) Wall, Franklin, Tenn., and five grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer’s Foundation or to the Eagles.

BRANDON FENNELL

Brandon Fennell, 24, Goode Road, died at 4:45 p.m. Monday, April 23, 2012, at Jennie Stuart Medical Center following a long illness.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Rosedale Cemetery, Pembroke with the Rev. Roy Field officiating.

Visitation will be from 4 until 8 tonight at Lamb Funeral Home.

A native of Hopkinsville, he was born March 3, 1988, the son of Tony and Annette Boren Fennell, Hopkinsville.

He had worked as a HVA technician at A&A Mechanical Air Systems and was a member of the Pipe Fitters Union.

He was a member of Locust Grove Baptist Church, Christian County.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a sister, Cindy Fennell, Hopkinsville, and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Lloyd (Elene) Boren.

Memorials may be made to the E.C. Green Relay For Life Team.

FRANK CHAMBERS

Frank Chambers, 89, Deerwood Drive, died at 8:05 a.m. Monday, April 23, 2012, at his home following a brief illness.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Hughart and Beard Funeral Home, Hopkinsville, with the Rev. Mike McKinney officiating.

Burial will be in Green Hill Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be Thursday at the funeral home from 11 a.m. until time for the service.

A native of Barnesville, Ark., he was born Aug. 19, 1922, the son of the late Claude and Minnie Brown Chambers.

He had served as an officer with the Hopkinsville Police Department and with the Phoenix Police Department and later as a salesman for Mid-State Automotive in Hopkinsville.

He was a World War II Army veteran who served in the 158th Bushmasters and was awarded a Bronze Star Medal.

His wife, Mary Garnett Johnson Chambers, died in 2002.

Survivors include two sons, A. Frank (Susan) Chambers, Phoenix, and Mark (Mary Rae) Chambers, Hopkinsville; two daughters, Mrs. Morris (Tracy) Matzke, Hopkinsville, and Mrs. Robert (Tammy) Turner, Hopkinsville; a brother, Joseph Chambers, Willcox, Ariz.; a sister, Francis Thomas, Tucson, Ariz.; four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

MILTON PERRY JR.

Milton Perry Jr., 68, R. Shanklin Road, Elkton, died at 5:30 a.m. Sunday, April 22, 2012, at his home of natural causes.

Graveside services were this morning at Mt. Zion Cemetery in Butler County.

Price Funeral Home, Lewisburg, was in charge of arrangements.

A native of Logan County, he was born June 11, 1943, the son of the late Percie Milton Perry Sr. and Carmon Perry.

He was a self-employed machinist.

Survivors include his wife, Pamela Perry; a son, Mike (Cathy) Perry, Greenville, N.C.; a daughter, Taylor Perry, Kevil; three brothers, Curtis R. (Pam) Perry, Dunmore, Vernon (Teresa) Perry, Greenville, and Charles T. (Shirley) Perry, Dunmore; and two grandchildren.

MARY LEDFORD

Mary Louise Ledford, 83, Tanglewood Drive, died at 6:40 p.m. Sunday, April 22, 2012, at Christian Care Nursing Home of natural causes.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. John Baptist Church with the Rev. N.A. Kirby officiating.

Burial will be in Cave Springs Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5 until 7 tonight at Gamble Funeral Home.

A native of Oak Grove, she was born Sept. 18, 1928, the daughter of the late Otha Leavell and Susie Willis Leavell Elliot.

She was a domestic worker and a member of St. John Baptist Church, where she was on the Mothers Board.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Payton Ledford.

Survivors include a daughter, Pamela Leavell; two brothers, Windsor Quarles and Danny Leavell; a sister, Ruth McReynolds; and a grandson.

WENDELL MORRIS

Wendell Morris, 83, Gilkey Lane, died at 7:55 p.m. Sunday, April 22, 2012, at is home of natural causes.

A memorial service was Tuesday night at Lamb Funeral Home with Christoph H. Kokoski officiating.

Burial was in Chapel Hill Cemetery, Todd County.

A native of LaFayette, he was born March 2, 1929, the son of the late Roy Joseph Martin Morris and Mary Beatrice Hester Morris.

He worked as a cutter for Flynn Enterprises and was a Korean War Army veteran.

He was a member of the Church of Christ.

A son, Steve Morris, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth E. Morris; a son, Ricky (Jan) Morris, Hopkinsville; two daughters, Mrs. Kevin (Pamela) Siemsen, Marshalltown, Iowa, and Mrs. Randall (Karen) Meacham, Hopkinsville; five sisters, Gladys Rose, Ruby Underwood, both of Clarksville, Tenn., Geneva Hughes, Evansville, Ind., Martha Vorwerk, Clinton, Ill., Peggy Morris, Hopkinsville; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Pennyroyal Hospice or to St. Luke Free Clinic.

MARY S. GARDNER

Mary Sue Gardner, 65, Canton Pike, died at 12:15 p.m. Sunday, April 22, 2012, at Bradford Heights Health and Rehabilitation Center of natural causes.

Arrangements are incomplete at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home.

HELEN G. BOYD

Helen Gertrude Boyd, 79, Christian Health Center, died at 8 a.m. Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at the health center of natural causes.

Arrangements are incomplete at Hughart and Beard Funeral Home, Hopkinsville.

JAMES PARSLEY

James R. “Jim” Parsley, 74, Princeton, died Monday, April 23, 2012, at his home.

Arrangements are incomplete at Morgan’s Funeral Home.

JUANITA ALEXANDER

Juanita Alexander, 88, Princeton, died at 8:35 p.m. Monday, April 23, 2012, at Princeton Health and Rehab following a long illness.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Princeton Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Kent Workman and Dane Hodges officiating.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the cemetery.

Morgan’s Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

A native of Mayfield, she was born Aug. 24, 1923, the daughter of the late William Curtis and Yettie Thompson Wallace.

She was a retired cook for Wee Care and First Baptist Church of Princeton.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of Princeton.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert Hugh Alexander.

Survivors include her son, Jerry Alexander, Princeton; her daughter, Anita Jones, Princeton; her brother, Junior Wallace, Lakeland, Fla.; two sisters, Charlene Higgins and Betty Jean Fulcher, both of Mayfield; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

JAMES CHAMBLISS

James Ronald “J.R.” Chambliss, 81, Elkton, died Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville, Tenn., of natural causes.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Pembroke Baptist Church with the Rev. Bobby Sellers officiating.

Burial will be in Rosedale Cemetery in Pembroke.

Visitation will be from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home, Pembroke.

A native of north Hopkins County, he was born Oct. 14, 1930, the son of the late George Dewey and Cora Thomas Chambliss.

He was retired as a switchman for L&N and CSX Railroad and was an Army veteran.

He was a member of Pembroke Baptist Church, where he was a deacon.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Morton Chambliss; two sons, Douglas (Linda) Leigh Chambliss, Evansville, Ind., James (Sheila) David Chambliss, Elkton; his daughter, Mrs. Anthony (Leigh Ann) Underwood, Hopkinsville; his brother, Gerald Chambliss, Georgia; his sister, Augustine Neuert, Illinois; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Memorials may be made to Pembroke Baptist Church building fund, P.O. Box 219, Pembroke, KY 42266.

ELSEWHERE

ROBERT ROBINSON

Robert W. “Bob” Robinson, 68, Erin, Tenn., died Saturday, April 21, 2012, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn., of natural causes.

A service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Nave Funeral Home, Erin.

Burial will be in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery-West.

Visitation will be from 5 until 8 p.m. Friday and beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday.

A native of Salem, Ohio, he was born Jan. 21, 1944, the son of the late George Robinson and Mildred Oliver Stewart.

He was an Army veteran and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Arlington Assembly of God.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Faye Hays Robinson; a son, Robert Robinson, and a daughter, Faye Ann Robinson.

Survivors include his sons, Ernie (Darla) Robinson, James (Claudette) Robinson, Jeffrey Robinson, all of Erin, Richard (Sheena), Murray; sisters, Pat Cross, Wichita, Kan., Mary Lou Carothers, Bath, Ohio; 19 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Round Table award ceremony set for Thursday

BY DENNIS O'NEIL
NEW ERA STAFF WRITER

The annual awards ceremony for The Round Table, Hopkinsville Community College's literary magazine, will be at noon Thursday at Round Table Literary Park.

The magazine was founded in 1966 by Frances G. Thomas, an HCC instructor, and her students. It is funded annually by the Hopkinsville Community College Foundation.

This year's editorial staff received submissions from 135 area authors and visual artists, according to a news release from HCC. Nearly 400 pages of poetry and prose were submitted for the contest along with 150 works of visual art.

HCC students and faculty as well as area elementary, middle and high school students submitted work for the magazine. Citizens from HCC's extended service area, which includes Todd, Trigg, Logan and Caldwell counties, also submitted work. From the submissions, 68 pieces by



Julie-Anna Carlisle, of Hopkinsville, checks out an edition of the Round Table literary magazine 2009 at the edition's unveiling in the Literary Park on Hopkinsville Community College's campus.

NEW ERA FILE PHOTO

43 authors were chosen for publication.

All works were considered anonymously, both for publication and awards. Judges for the 2012 awards were author Barry Kitterman, who teaches creative writing at Austin Peay State University, novelist and poet Misha Feign. Both men

read at HCC this year as part of its Hoptown Reading Series.

"I have been a fan of The Round Table for more than 10 years now, and each issue I get to read does something special for me," Kitterman said. "It makes me want to keep writing. The stories I read in this issue

were all worthy of praise."

The 2012 edition of the magazine will be available for \$7 at Thursday's event. In case of rain, the ceremony will be moved to the college's Learning Resource Center.

REACH DENNIS O'NEIL at 270-887-3237 or doneil@kentuckynewera.com.

IN BRIEF

AGENDA

The Kentucky Open Meetings Law applies to the following meetings

FRIDAY

Hopkinsville Water Environment Authority, 7:30 a.m. HWEA board room, 401 E. Ninth St.

CANCELLATIONS

The April meeting of **Community and Development Services** is canceled.

The April meeting of the **Hopkinsville-Christian County Landbank Authority** is canceled. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 29.

LAKE LEVELS

Kentucky Lake and Barkley Lake Elevation, last updated at 6 p.m. Tuesday, **Kentucky Lake**, **Upper Stage**, 356.7; **Normal Stage**, 357.8; **Lower Stage**, 301.5.

Lake Barkley, **Upper Stage**, 356.8; **Normal Stage**, 357.8; **Lower Stage**, 302.6.

Water Temperatures, **Kentucky Lake**, 64 degrees; **Kentucky Dam**, 64 degrees; **Barkley Dam**, 66 degrees; **Normal Temperature**, 66 degrees.

Source: Explore Kentucky Lake.

PRECIPITATION

Christian County Daily Precipitation (inches): **Saturday**, 0.17; **Sunday**, 0.01; **Monday**, 0.00.

Month to date, 0.41; **Year to date**, 11.15.

Source: Kentucky Mesonet.

CORRECTIONS

The Who We Are feature on Page A1 of Monday's New Era contained incorrect information. Ben T. Wilford has three daughters: one who's in the military, based in Killeen, Texas, and two who live in Hopkinsville. Wilford also has two sons, one in Clarksville, Tenn., and another who resides in Hopkinsville.

A story about the Hopkinsville Rotary Club Auction on Page A1 of Monday's New Era contained incorrect information. Students in the Rotary Scholars Program must attend HCC and meet satisfactory academic progress, which is a federal regulation.

LOTTERY

Kentucky

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — These Kentucky lotteries were drawn Tuesday:
Pick 3 Midday: 0-5-4
Pick 4 Midday: 1-4-1-4

Tennessee

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — These Tennessee lotteries were drawn Tuesday:
Cash 3 Midday: 5-3-2, Lucky Sum: 10
Cash 4 Midday: 8-3-0-9, Lucky Sum: 20

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OUT 'N' ABOUT

TODAY

Foster Parent Training at 5 p.m. on April 25 at 552 E. Center Street, Madisonville. There will be free pizza and drinks. Come if interested in becoming a foster parent. For more information, call 270-926-4635.

THURSDAY

Kentucky Wildlife rehabilitators at Broad-bent Wildlife Sanctuary have scheduled the release of a Great Horned Owl at 7 p.m. at the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, 4415 Cerulean Road, Cadiz. The public is invited to attend and children are welcome.

SATURDAY

Christian County All-County Band will present a spring concert at 2 p.m. April 28. The concert will feature students from Christian County Middle School, Hopkinsville Middle School and North Drive Middle School.

SUNDAY

Pleasant Green Baptist Church, Dawson Springs Road, will host a benefit meal and the hillbilly comedy play "Easter in Cricket County," produced by special arrangement with Contemporary Drama Service-Eddie McPherson, author, on April 29 beginning at 6 p.m. Donations are requested for heart transplant patient, Billie Jean Grace. A fund has been set up at Heritage Bank in Hopkinsville, or donate online at www.pleasantgreenbaptistchurch.com.

UPCOMING

Fort Campbell ACAP, 5661 Screaming Eagle Blvd, Fort Campbell, is hosting multiple companies that are hiring from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 2-3. On Wednesday there will be representatives from Garland Nissan of Hopkinsville, Averitt Trucking and First Response. On Thursday there will be representatives from AFLAC. To view all of ACAP's upcoming classes and Employer Day events, visit www.facebook.com/FortCampbellACAP or call 270-798-5000.

Todd County Community Alliance will present the second annual Todd County Eggstravaganza from May 3-5, beginning with a parade at 3 p.m. May 3 at the old Elkton Die Cast property. The final event will begin at 6 p.m. May 5 and will include a concert and drive-in movie. For more information, vendor and pet registration forms, call 270-265-7070 or visit www.toddcountyca.org.

WNKJ Christian Radio will host a Spring Family Prayer Day from 6 a.m. – 9 p.m. May 3 at 1100 E. 18th St. Listeners should come in or call with prayer requests and or answers. Tours and

refreshments are available. For more information, call 270-886-9655 or 877-885-9655 or visit www.wnkj.org.

The Trigg County Hospital Auxiliary will hold its annual Spring Fling sale May 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Trigg County Hospital. This event will feature items from the Gift Box, Silver Chicks Jewelry, The Scrub Store, Scentsy Wickless Candles and purses from Gail Ricks. There will also be a bake sale.

Project Graduation will soon be approaching and we are considerably down on funds. As of the meeting last night, the committee would like to request that local churches take up a "love" offering on May 6 in the name of Project Graduation. More young people are injured or killed at graduation time from drinking and driving than at any other time. Project Graduation provides an opportunity for graduating high school seniors at Christian County High School, University Heights Academy, Hopkinsville High School and Heritage Christian Academy to enjoy a drug and alcohol-free celebration. The Trigg County Republican Women's Club will meet on at 10 a.m. May 7 in the fellowship hall of the Cadiz Christian Church. Lunch will follow. For more information, call Betty Sue Howard at 270-924-3632 or go to www.triggcountyrepublicanparty.com.

The Western Kentucky Photography Club's monthly meeting will be at 7 p.m. May 7 at the Hatley Building in rooms 214-125, 750 Laffoon St., Madisonville. The program will be a continuation of Photography 101 by Tom Wortham. The main program will be by The Henderson Newspaper's Darrin Phegley who will speak on shooting Digital Video. For more information, call Chuck Hinrichs at 270-886-2849.

The Christian County Chamber of Commerce and the Hopkinsville-Christian County Economic Development Council will host a Luncheon with Canadian Consul General Roy Norton from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. on May 8 in the Back Dining Room of the Hopkinsville Golf & Country Club. The Canadian Consul General will be discussing the importance of Kentucky's vital trade relationship with Canada. RVSP by May 4 to the Chamber of Commerce online, by calling 270-885-9096 or emailing Stephanie McQueen at smcqueen@hopkinsvillechamber.com. Seats are limited to the first 75 respondents.

The Christian County Humane Society will have their May general meeting at 6 p.m. May 14 at Shoney's. All Humane Society members are welcome to attend. For more information, call 270-887-4678.

ITEMS WILL RUN REGULARLY each Monday, Wednesday and Saturday in Out 'N' About. To help us help you, please submit your announcement at least a week before the day it will be published. If you have questions, call 270-887-3241.

KENTUCKY BRIEF

Officials probe power outage and Lexington airport

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Officials are trying to figure out what caused a power outage at Lexington Blue Grass Airport and delayed several flights.

WLEX-TV in Lexington reported that the power in the terminal went out around 6 a.m. EDT Tuesday and stayed off for several hours. Without electricity, the TSA couldn't screen passengers at the security checkpoint and delayed several flights.

The outage also caused a long line at the checkpoint.

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TOP SOIL

Pendleton will try for hemp law again next year

BY CARLA JIMENEZ
NEW ERA STAFF WRITER

Sen. Joey Pendleton, D-Hopkinsville, has been advocating hemp for years. But the General Assembly's 2012 regular session has come and gone, and the hemp legislation didn't pass. However, he hasn't quit yet and he's not about to quit now.

"I wasn't really frustrated that it didn't get through," he said. "But I gained a lot of headway." Pendleton plans to keep working on the hemp legislation through the summer. He thinks the public's issue with hemp is a lack of education, and he plans on doing seminars on hemp and its benefits all over the state during the



Pendleton

summer months.

"It'll be a win-win situation for everyone," he said.

Despite not being able to pass hemp legislation, Pendleton still considered this session a successful one.

"We did a lot of good things in the regular session," he said. "We did get a budget this time. A bare-bones budget, but with the economy how it is, that was the best we could do."

In addition to passing a budget, the General Assembly also passed a law prohibiting the sale and use of synthetic drugs. And of all the legislation passed, Pendleton is most proud of House Bill 388, which allows nursing homes to provide health services to residents outside of the walls of the nursing home.

"That's one of the best things we could pass," he said.



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This photo provided by the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission shows Kentucky lawmakers (from left) Terry Mill, Joey Pendleton, Keith Hall and Richard Henderson discussing for industrial hemp March 7 during a meeting of the House Agriculture and Small Business Committee in Frankfort.

But for Pendleton, one of the biggest issues facing Kentucky continues to be economic development. He wants to get people back to work and earning enough money to spend and revive a stagnant economy.

"We're better off than most of the states, but we still need to keep trying to move ahead," he said.

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Riders and soldiers honor one of their own



A group of motorcyclists and soldiers stand together at the beginning of the ceremony.

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Patriot Guard Riders honor Navy veteran, fellow motorcyclist in military memorial

BY DENNIS O'NEIL
NEW ERA STAFF WRITER

Bikers and soldiers stood side by side in the early afternoon breeze to honor one of their own — Chief Petty Officer Albert Dimitro, who died April 17 at Gateway Medical Center in Clarksville, Tenn. His memorial service was Monday at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery-West.

Dimitro, 68, was a Clarksville resident who started riding motorcycles when he was 16. His family asked the Patriot Guard

Riders to participate in the memorial. The riders are motorcyclists that often ride in the funeral processions of veterans.

The riders led the funeral procession into the cemetery. Dimitro was a 26-year veteran of the U.S. Navy and served three tours of duty in Vietnam. The riders each held American flags in his honor during the service. A firing salute was also rendered just before the playing of taps at the conclusion of the service.

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The Patriot Guard Riders participated in the service. The riders are motorcyclists that often ride in the funeral processions of veterans.

Atmos requests line extension

BY CARLA JIMENEZ
NEW ERA STAFF WRITER

Atmos Energy came before the Christian Fiscal Court on Tuesday morning to request permission to lay a new gas line along Harry Berry Lane in Hopkinsville.

According to the request, the new gas line will extend an existing line to supply energy to the new Rogers Group asphalt plant.

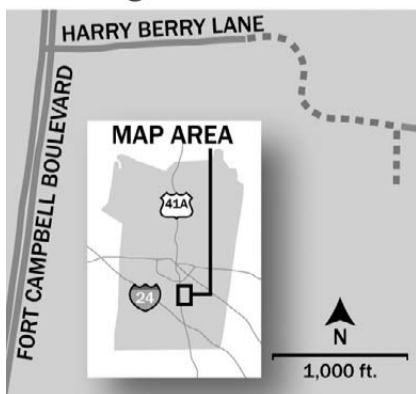
At the fiscal court meeting, Operations Supervisor Buddy Adkins said the line will be placed 3 feet deep and 6 feet from the shoulder of the road. He also said that Rogers Plant would dig the ditch and place the line. In the request, Atmos said that the blacktop surface of the road would not be damaged, and the area would be restored to its original condition once installation is completed at no cost to the county.

Though Rogers Plant is responsible for the installation, Atmos Energy "would maintain the line," Adkins said.

The fiscal court discussed possible damage to the gas line that might occur from day-to-day road maintenance that the county performs. Christian Judge-Executive Steve Tribble and County Attorney Mike Foster said that Atmos would have to sign a contract saying the county was not responsible for any damage to the line.

LAYING NEW GAS LINE

Atmos Energy requested permission to lay a 6-inch gas line along Harry Berry Lane at the Christian Fiscal Court meeting Tuesday morning. The dotted line shows where the gas line will be.



SOURCE: Atmos Energy

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But Foster wasn't worried.

"We've never had a problem with Atmos," he said.

The court unanimously agreed to enter into the agreement. Atmos officials estimated that, once the paperwork is complete, installation should take two weeks.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Local group to host candidate luncheon

The Hopkinsville League of Women Voters will host a Meet the Candidate Luncheon to give voters the opportunity to learn more about the candidates in the May 22 primary election.

The luncheon will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 11 at First Baptist Church, 1400 S. Main St. The menu includes salads, sandwiches and desserts for \$6.

Tickets are available from members of the League of Women Voters or at the door. For more information, contact Bonnie Lynch at 270-885-6554 or wandabonnie@bellsouth.net.

Bicycle Rodeo rides in Hoptown on Saturday

There will be a Bicycle Rodeo event from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Christian County Justice Center. The event will be for children in kindergarten through third grade.

Participants will be able to learn basic bicycle skills and safety. There will also be free bicycle safety inspections by Bikes & Moore starting at 9 a.m.

There will also be a skills demonstration by the Hopkinsville Police Department's bicycle patrol. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration will be at 9 a.m.

Derby Arts Festival set for May 5 at mall

The fifth annual Derby Arts Festival will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 5 at Bradford Square mall. The event will include live music, dancing and art activities for children.

The Belmont Elementary School Choir and members of Fourth Dimension Dance will

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CRIME

Report: Car stolen, found set on fire

FROM NEW ERA STAFF REPORTS

An Oak Grove man told police his truck was stolen Monday night at gunpoint.

According to a Hopkinsville police report, Raymundo G. Rivera was on Walnut Street around 8:30 p.m. when a man approached him, pulled out a handgun and told him to get on the ground. Rivera complied, and the man drove off in Rivera's 2008 Dodge Durango, according to the report.

The truck was later found on Cadiz Road near Edgewood Baptist Church on fire. The vehicle was previously worth \$10,000, but is now valued at around \$2,000, according to the report.

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ACCIDENTS

Local man crashes into pole; more than 500 homes without power

FROM NEW ERA STAFF REPORTS

A Hopkinsville man driving south on Dawson Springs Road in a Nissan Sentra lost control of his car and crashed into a pole at Rooster Run Road on Tuesday evening around 8 p.m. The pole broke upon impact and brought the lines down with it.

The vehicle came to rest on its side in a field near the road.

The Christian County Sheriff's Department says the man may have been under the influence.

Dawson Springs Road was closed following the wreck.

Brent Gilkey, spokesman for Pennyrite Electric, says 508 people were without power. He said it would take several hours to open the road and to restore power to those customers.

The man was transported to Jennie Stuart Medical Center by ambulance, said Deputy Brandon Hawkins. His name was not available at press time.

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CRIME STOPPERS

Cash offered for information on 2 Fugitives of the Week

The Hopkinsville-Christian County Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward for information leading to the arrests of two people wanted in the Fugitives of the Week Program.

The first fugitive, Marlo C. Murray, 32, is wanted for contempt of court. Murray is 5 feet, 10 inches tall and weighs 180 pounds. His last known address was on the 1900 block of High Street.



Murray

The second fugitive, Dearrell L. Higgins, 27, is wanted on multiple warrants. Higgins is 5 feet, 9 inches tall and weighs 160 pounds. His last known address was on the 200 block of Grant Street.



Higgins

Anyone who has any information about these fugitives is asked to call 270-887-TIPS (270-887-8477). Callers do not have to give their names or appear in court.

Visit Hopkinsville-Christian County Crime Stoppers on Facebook and choose "Like" to receive updates on wanted fugitives.

CRIME: Man arrested for allegedly lying to police about vehicle theft

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Police arrest Hopkinsville man who allegedly lied about car being stolen

A Hopkinsville man was arrested Saturday morning after allegedly admitting that he lied to police about having his car stolen.

Michael T. Choate, 20, initially told police that late Saturday night someone stole his 1997 Lincoln Town Car from his driveway on Dawn Drive, according to a Hopkinsville police report. The car was later located on 19th Street and Twyman Drive, police said.

Choate told police that he had gotten drunk that night, ran the car into a utility pole, walked home and forgot where the car was, according to the report.

He was arrested and charged with falsely reporting an incident, a misdemeanor.

More than \$3,500 equipment stolen from tree service; trucks damaged

A Leitchfield business reported more than \$3,500 in equipment was stolen in Crofton, according to a Christian County Sheriff's Department report.

The crew leader for A & G Tree Service told deputies that Thursday and Monday mornings someone broke into the utility bed of a work truck and stole five chainsaws, a leaf blower, climbing equipment, a harness and ropes. Four large truck doors were damaged, deputies said.

The company's logo is engraved on the chainsaws and leaf blower. There were no suspects are listed in the report.

Copper, electronics, tools reported stolen, estimated value of \$10,900

A Maplewood Street man told police on Sunday that someone kicked open his back door and stole more than \$1,100 in electronics.

According to a Hopkinsville police report, Eric S. Dillard said that he had previously been in an argument about money with someone. A suspect is listed in the report.

In a theft report, copper wiring from several pieces of heavy machinery were

cut and stolen from a local business, according to a Christian County Sheriff's Department report. Roger Meuth, owner of Apex Material on Greenville Road, said that between April 9 and Friday morning, someone cut copper wiring from a rock crusher and other machine batteries, deputies said.

The stolen wire is worth \$5,800, according to the report.

In another theft report, \$4,000 in lawn equipment was reported stolen Friday morning.

According to a sheriff's report, Derrick Whitlock, of Johnston Street, told deputies that someone cut the fence around his house and stole a metal trailer, riding lawn mower, tool box, chain saw and drill set. The report does not list a suspect.

Man arrested for alleged assault, burglary and criminal mischief

Tyvis Hendrix, 28, of Cadiz, was arrested Saturday after he allegedly forced his way into his girlfriend's apartment and assaulted her on April 15.

Hendrix also allegedly damaged some of her property, according to a Cadiz police report. The woman lives at the Barkley Manor Apartments.

Hendrix is charged with assault, burglary and criminal mischief.

19-year-old Cadiz woman arrested for alleged possession of drugs

A 19-year-old Cadiz woman is facing drug charges after police found marijuana and cocaine in her apartment on LaFayette Street, according to her arrest report.

The report said CPD officers went to Michaela Creed's apartment on Sunday to arrest Karlie Stewart; once inside, the officers smelled marijuana.

After being given consent to search the place, police found a "small amount" of marijuana on the coffee table and several bags of cocaine in the trash, the report said.

Creed told police the drugs weren't hers, the report said. She is charged with possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance.

BRIEFS: Derby Arts Festival will include live music, dancing

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perform at the event. Children will be able to decorate derby hats, draw horses and have their faces painted.

The event is free. For more information, call Henrietta Kemp at 270-886-3776.

Portion of Cox Mill Road will be closed today from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Cox Mill Road will be closed from Pyle Lane to Fairfax Drive today, according to a Department of Transportation news release.

The closure will allow crews to cut brush along the roadway. Work is expected to start at about 7 a.m. and end at 3 p.m.

Bradshaw Road closed today from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. for rail crossing work

Bradshaw Road will be closed today between U.S. 68 and U.S. 41 to allow track repairs at a railroad crossing. The crossing is on Bradshaw near Katie Peden Drive.

The road is expected to be closed from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., according to a news release from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

Christian County Cares announces online community perception survey

Christian County Cares announced the release Tuesday of the Community Vision Plan's 2012 Community Perception Survey. All residents are invited to take part.

According to a news release, the Community Engagement Task Force needs ideas from residents regarding how they view the public safety, beautification and cleanliness of the community. How residents perceive crime and cleanliness can be a deciding factor in tourism and attracting new community members. Responses to the survey will help the task force gain a better understanding of perceptions in the community and how to make improvements.

The survey is posted online at chris-

tiancountycare.com. People can also pick up a copy at the Chamber of Commerce. The deadline for completing the survey is May 15.

Kangaroo care program for newborns coming to JSMC maternity department

Jennie Stuart Medical Center will soon implement a kangaroo care program in its maternity department. There will be two lectures offered on the care method in early May.

Kangaroo care encourages skin-to-skin contact between parents and newborns. Janice Johnson, manager of the hospital's maternity department, said information about kangaroo care will be available for expectant mothers and fathers upon admission to the department.

"This program helps newborns transition to life outside the womb, promotes sleep, minimizes pain perception and has many other benefits," said Johnson.

Lectures will be:
■ From 5-7 p.m. May 7 at Hopkinsville Community College.
■ At 6 p.m. May 8 at the Christian County Health Department.

Budweiser of Hopkinsville named Ambassador of Excellence

Anheuser-Busch Brewing Company recently recognized Budweiser of Clarksville and Budweiser of Hopkinsville, both Hand Family Companies, as Ambassadors of Excellence for their 2011 performances.

There were 20 companies out of Anheuser-Busch's more than 700 wholesalers that were selected for the award. The two facilities were recognized during the Ambassadors of Excellence Top Performers meeting April 12-15 in Monterey, Calif.

J.R. Hand, president and chief operating officer of Hand Family Companies, said wholesalers are measured on time management, sales structure, operations, human resources and technology for the awards.

— From New Era staff reports

ACCIDENTS: Local woman injured in crash

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Hopkinsville woman injured in Illinois crash

A Hopkinsville woman was injured Sunday morning after a single-vehicle

crash in Jefferson County, Ill.

WJBD Radio, of Salem, Ill., reported that Brittany Aguilar, 26, was hospitalized when her car left the road and rolled over in a ditch on the side of the highway. Firemen had to remove Ag-

ular from the car, according to WJBD. She was taken to Crossroads Hospital in Mt. Vernon, Ill. Her husband, who was also in the car, was not injured.

An update on her condition was not immediately available.

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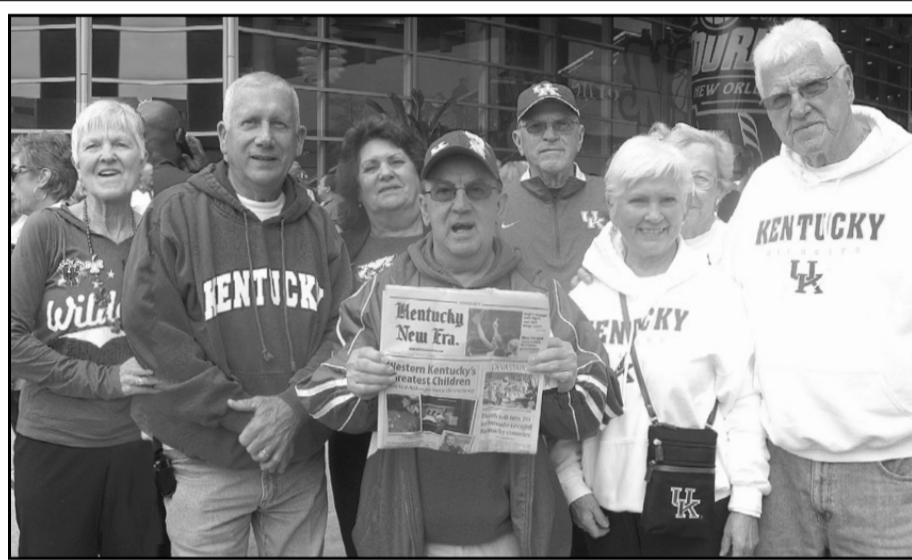
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2 Cadiz locations to accept unwanted prescription drugs

BY DENNIS O'NEIL
NEW ERA STAFF WRITER

Kentuckians will be able to empty their medicine cabinets for National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. The program, offered through the Drug Enforcement Administration and state law enforcement, will have 75 drop-off locations around the state Saturday where citizens can dispose of their unwanted prescription drugs.

Local drop-off locations include the Trigg County Sheriff's Office, 31 Jefferson St., and the Cadiz Police Department, 11 Marion St. Both locations are in Cadiz. There will also be a drop-off location at Kentucky State Police Post 2, 1000 Western Kentucky Parkway, in Nortonville.

A drop-off location will also be set up on post at

Fort Campbell in the Town Hall Center parking lot, 98 Michigan Ave.

The locations will accept drop-offs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will not accept hazardous drugs, such as those used in chemotherapy. Injectables and syringes will also not be accepted.

This is the fourth drop-off day that state police have participated in, said KSP Spokesman Stu Recke. According to a department news release, KSP has collected more than 1,000 pounds of prescription drugs during previous drop-off days.

The drop-off program comes only a few days after the passage of House Bill 1, which is aimed at curbing prescription drug abuse throughout the state. The bill requires any pain clinics that open in the state to

be owned by physicians.

It also requires physicians to use the state-monitored system, KASPER, in prescribing drugs for patients. The bill was cosponsored by Rep. John Tilley, D-Hopkinsville.

Recke said he has received many calls from citizens who need help disposing of expired or unused prescription medication.

Citizens can dispose of medication anonymously Saturday by removing any identifying material from their bottles or containers. Recke said the DEA will later collect the medication.

For a full list of Kentucky drop-off locations, visit www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/.

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Beshear signs Rx drug legislation

BY RANDY PATRICK
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Gov. Steve Beshear issued a warning to doctors who skirt ethical standards before he signed legislation Tuesday to fight the scourge of prescription drug abuse.

Surrounded by legislative leaders and law enforcement officials, Beshear said he was there to sign the bill, “but we’re also here to deliver a loud and clear message to the pill pushers in white coats and the illegitimate pill mills in Kentucky, and that message is: ‘Get out of this state, because we’re coming after you.’”

Beshear was joined by Attorney General Jack Conway; the legislation’s sponsor, House Speaker Greg Stumbo; Senate Majority Leader Robert Stivers; and other leaders.

The governor called House Bill 1 “critical legislation that strengthens the tools we will use to attack the problem of prescription drug abuse, a crisis we all know is devastating our communities.”

The bill does a number of things to strengthen the state’s regulation of prescription narcotics, including expanding use of the Kentucky All Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting program, or KASPER, by requiring physicians and

other prescribers to register with the system and use it to make sure patients aren’t getting prescriptions from several doctors.

It requires that pain management clinics be owned by licensed medical practitioners to prevent the proliferation of so-called pill mills. And it requires medical licensure boards to immediately investigate complaints. It seeks to provide better cooperation between law enforcement officials and health regulators to deal with drug abuse problems.

Beshear commended leaders of both parties for their diligent work in crafting the legislation and specifically mentioned Stumbo; Stivers; chairmen of the House and Senate judiciary committees, Rep. John Tilley, D-Hopkinsville, and Sen. Tom Jensen, R-London; Conway; and Van Ingram of the Governor’s Office of Drug Control Policy.

Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, had wanted “something stronger” that would have moved KASPER from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to the attorney general’s office, but the compromise is a move in the right direction, and if necessary, it can later be amended.

The speaker said the “awful plague” of prescription drug abuse has touched almost every family in the state, including his own.

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SMOKING: Ban effects up for debate

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Derek Patterson, who owns the East Ninth Street bar DT's Last Call, echoed O'Neal's sentiments.

"If you don't like smoke, go to church," Patterson said. "There's a million places you can go."

Patterson said he hates secondhand smoke — it irritates his eyes — but he still sells cigarettes for \$7 a pack. It's necessary for marketing to his clientele, he said.

Patterson scoffed at the polls showing most Christian County residents want a smoking ban.

"There was one time when Time Magazine thought Adolf Hitler was man of the year," Patterson said. "Popularity doesn't make right or wrong."

But owners and managers at local restaurants reacted differently.

Miguel Ramirez, a manager at El Bracero, said the restaurant normally allows smoking at its bar, which is separated from the main dining area by a wall. But the restaurant bans smoking from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays, and this seems to entice the after-church crowd.

A permanent smoking ban likely wouldn't hurt El Bracero's business significantly, he said.

"We're neutral," he said. "The way it is is fine."

Norris Kennedy, who owns Buffalo Wings & Rings, only allows smoking at his bar and patio. He too expects a negligible effect if the ban passes. Many customers who smoke have long expected a ban anyway, he said.

"It's up to the people," Kennedy said. "If the people say, 'Yea, I'm good with it. If the people say, 'No, I'm still good with it.'"

Most of his employees don't seem to mind secondhand smoke, he said. Some of them smoke off-duty.

Muddled data

A 2004 study from the National Restaurant Association showed restaurant sales decline more than 50 percent in counties that banned smoking in all dining and bar areas.

On the other hand, publications dedicated to the study of cancer or tobacco control have examined vast groups of economic studies and declared all the most scientific studies support their own cause by showing little or no impact on restaurants.

"The vast majority of scientific evidence indicates that there is no negative economic impact on clean indoor air policies, with many studies finding that there may be some positive effects on local businesses," claimed a 2008 article from "CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians."

A 2006 study from the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis took a more nuanced approach.

"For business owners and their employees, the impact of a ban can vary significantly, depending on their specific clientele and their marketing strategies," it noted.

Smokers, who tend to spend more than nonsmokers, typically decrease their patronage after a smoking ban.

Nonsmokers, who are more numerous, often increase their patronage, the study found. Experts disagree on the overall economic effect, the study noted.

Luring developers

Kemp hopes a smoking ban will nurture the local economy in a way unrelated to restaurant revenue: It could encourage economic development, he said.

Mitch Robinson, Christian County's new economic development director, agrees.

When deciding where to open a new location, businesses consider how much the premiums for their employees' insurance will cost, Robinson said.

They may expect to pay higher premiums in an area like Christian County, where 28 percent of the residents smoke, than across the Tennessee line, where there has been a statewide smoking ban since 2007 in businesses that allow customers under 21.

On the other hand, a national study of county health rankings showed 29 percent of Montgomery County's residents smoked as of the most recent data, collected from 2004 to 2010.

Being the largest city in Kentucky that doesn't have a smoking ban can also lead developers to think Hopkinsville is behind the times, Robinson said.

"When you go out in public and go to a restaurant, oftentimes people are shocked that smoking is still allowed in the restaurant," Robinson said. "Even though it's segregated into one area."

The Hopkinsville-Christian County Economic Development Council and the Christian County Chamber of Commerce have officially endorsed a smoking ban.

ROTARY: Schools to announce totals

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On Thursday night, elementary school students will present their totals. The club gives trophies to the schools that raise the most, Giles said.

Last year the schools contributed a total of \$39,687. Millbrooke Elementary, Christian County Middle School and Hopkinsville High School won the school-wide competitions. The club also gave awards for the most money raised by indi-

vidual students and the schools that improved their totals the most from the prior year.

The auction continues tonight through Saturday at the Memorial Building on South Virginia Street. It can be heard or seen on local media — WHOP stations AM 1230 or FM 95.3; Source 16 and Channel 12 television stations. Bidders may call 270-885-7500.

The main auction runs from 7 until 10 p.m.

Lunch is available from 11

a.m. until 1 p.m., and dinner is served from 5 until 9:30 p.m.

The club will offer smoked pit chicken Thursday night and fried catfish Friday night. Visit www.hopkinsvillerotary.com for more information.

The auction raises money for the Hopkinsville Rotary Club's student loan fund and the Rotary Scholars program.

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BESHEAR: Transcraft expected to bring 80 jobs

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for the company, as well as openings for 80 new jobs throughout the plant.

According to the plant's general manager, Rick Klein, Transcraft has steadily added jobs all year, citing a 30 percent increase in employment since January.

"This is the beginning of the next chapter," Klein said of the expansion. "There's a bright future ahead for Wabash and this industry."

Klein described the company's growth in Cadiz as "dynamic" in a press release. "Even with a state-of-the-art manufacturing facility and a dedicated workforce ready to meet current demand, it is necessary to increase capacity by adding new equipment and expanding our team."

Cadiz Mayor Lyn Bailey shared his thoughts on the company's presence and growth in the town.

"We're happy," he said simply. "We were a little happy before Transcraft got here, but we're a lot happy now."

Bailey said the Cadiz community is the kind of place people can come to live, vacation, play and work.

"Whenever I used to tell people I was from Cadiz, they'd say, 'Oh, that's the ham place,'" Bailey said with a grin. "Now maybe they'll say, 'That's the trailer place.' We're

proud of that."

Thanks to Beshear's 2009 Incentives for a New Kentucky legislation, Transcraft received preliminary approval for \$2 million in tax incentives through the Kentucky Business Investment Program.

"The performance-based incentive allows a company to keep a portion of its investment over the term of the agreement through corporate income tax credits and wage assessments by meeting job and investment targets," a news release from the governor's office explained.

In his address, Beshear said the INK legislation has approved 423 projects, representing a potential investment of \$4.4 billion in Kentucky and the creation or retention of 32,000 jobs. Although the governor expressed pride in these numbers, he emphasized their meaning.

"Eighty new jobs is a number I get really excited about," he said. "It's not just a number, but it represents 80 Kentucky families, people who can put their heads down on their pillows at night, knowing they can support their family."

Beshear said Transcraft has been aggressive in developing its market and that has helped lead to its success.

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	Dorothy Fletcher	610	JOHN & LINDA HAYES	695	IN MEMORY OF BILL BRUCE	790	TOYOTA OF HOPKINSVILLE	886	NEIL & JOAN McGILLIVRAY
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Make noise to support public ban on smoking

In one month, when Mayor Dan Kemp officially presents to city council an ordinance that would ban smoking in public indoor places, the council members should have a clear understanding of the public's preference.

Common sense tells us that a large majority favors this ordinance. After all, nearly three-fourths of Christian County residents don't smoke, we learned from a recent national health report. So if you don't smoke, it makes sense that you'd rather not inhale secondhand smoke when you go to a store, office or restaurant.

Let's hope the majority is not silent on this important issue.

If you support the smoking ban — and we logically assume that most of you do — it's important that you express your opinion to the city council members. Call, email, write, or knock on your representative's door. Whatever it takes. Between now and May 24, when the mayor will hand his ordinance to the council at its Committee of the Whole meeting, make sure that you've had your say. Do not let a minority opinion speak louder.

The mayor's done his homework on this issue, so supporters have plenty of time to contact council members. The smoking restriction has the support of several local groups, including the Christian County Health Department, the Economic Development Council and the YMCA. If the council agrees to forward this ordinance to a regular meeting, it could be approved by June 19.

Hopkinsville is behind the times on this issue. Twenty-four other cities have smoking legislation. It's the right thing to do for our economy and for the health of local residents.

This newspaper has consistently supported a smoking ban because we believe the rights of smokers should not override the health of nonsmokers. The scientific evidence is clear. Secondhand smoke is unhealthy. It is a carcinogen. It can cause heart and respiratory diseases.

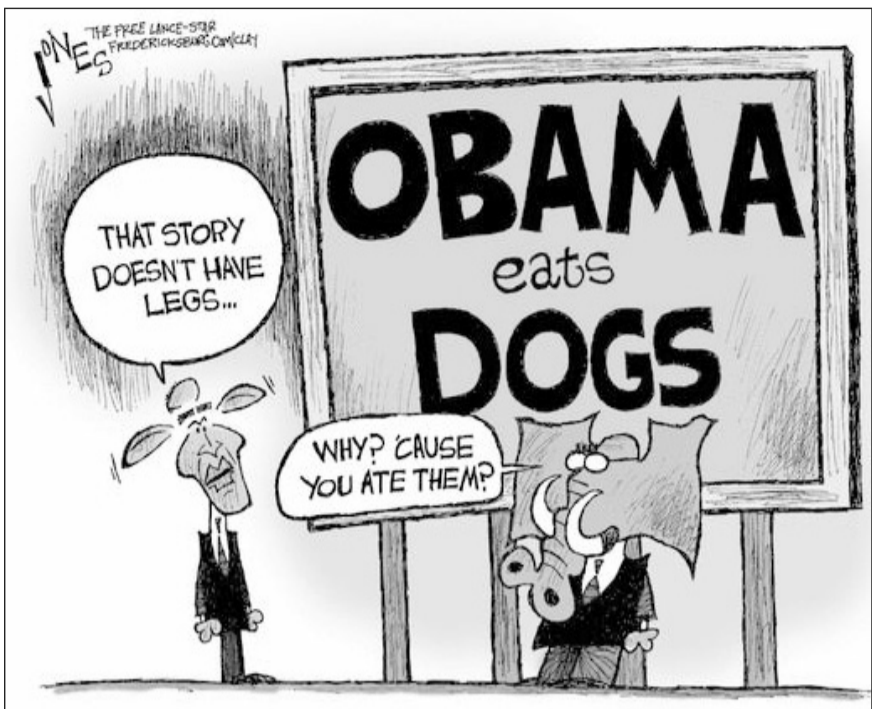
If you agree, and we know most of you do, then contact your council member and share your opinion.

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Don't assume you are limited to contacting the council member in your city ward. Under local rules, Hopkinsville voters cast a ballot in every ward race during general elections. If you live in the city, every council member represents you. Don't be silent.

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Balancing finances, US values

BY TAMARA SANDBERG

Deficit reduction is an important national priority, vital to our long-term economic opportunity and security. But just because it's important doesn't mean that it can be undertaken without regard to our national values.

Unfortunately, the House Agricultural Committee left values on the sideline last week when it moved forward with a shocking proposal to cut food assistance for our nation's hungry by more than \$33 billion. That it was done in the name of deficit reduction does not excuse the fact that cuts to anti-hunger programs at a time when need has never been greater are both reckless and short-sighted.

Taking care of our neighbors is an American value. Every day the members of the Kentucky Association of Food Banks see this partnership reflected in the generous support of our volunteers and donors, and we are grateful that this value is reflected in Washington through important anti-hunger programs like SNAP, formerly food stamps.

Some like to point to the great work that local food pantries are doing to suggest that hunger is better solved by charity at the community level. Speaking from the frontlines, please hear us when we say that charity cannot do it alone. In fact, estimates suggest that charity provides only about 6 percent of all the food assistance in the United States. Hunger is a national problem and it needs a national solution that starts with a strong federal commitment to programs like SNAP.

Kentucky's food banks are struggling to meet the tremendous in-

crease in need for food assistance resulting from the Great Recession. We saw demand for emergency food assistance increase an astounding 84 percent from 2006 to 2010. We are already struggling to keep up with this increased demand because of declining federal support for The Emergency Food Assistance Program, which provides a bulk of the food distributed by our members. If SNAP were cut, there is no way that we would be able to make up the difference. Food banks need more supply, not more demand.

Protecting the poor is not a partisan issue, and balancing the budget does not have to be either. Our nation has a long, bipartisan commitment to low-income safety net programs like SNAP in past deficit reduction agreements. The three major deficit-reduction packages of the last two decades — the 1990, 1993, and 1997 packages — all adhered to this principle, as did the recent bipartisan Bowles-Simpson Commission.

The American people deserve a thoughtful dialog about real solutions, not political showmanship. Congress should put the nation's interests first and meet in the middle to craft policies that spur economic recovery, ensure broad and sustainable opportunity, and protect families when opportunity remains out of reach, including making sure that SNAP and food pantries are here to put food on the table until struggling Americans are back on their feet.

TAMARA SANDBERG is the executive director of the Kentucky Association of Food Banks. The association is made up of seven Feeding America food banks serving all 120 counties of Kentucky.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Club marks successful support

for Women's History Month

The Editor, New Era,
As we ended Women's History Month in March, it is time to reflect on the many people who made it all possible.

To Mayor Dan Kemp and Judge-Executive Steve Tribble, thank you for sharing your time to sign the proclamation. To all the patrons who purchased ads in recognition of the Hopkinsville Business and Professional Women, and the Kentucky New Era, thank you for all your help.

To the members of the club,

thank you for all your hard work. You made the year 2011-12 a memorable one for me. All of the good things that have taken place have moved the club forward and added new members.

Congratulations to Jewell Long on receiving the Katherine Peden Award from the Human Relations Commission.

Let us not forget to ask the ladies of this community to consider joining us to make this great organization better.

Again, many thanks to all.

Dorothy Tolliver, president
Hopkinsville Business and Professional Women's Club

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COLUMNIST

Is color barrier final frontier of popular TV?

A class action suit filed by two black men in Nashville claims "The Bachelor" turned them away because they were not white. I think they should feel relieved. Having the right to embarrass yourself on national television doesn't mean you actually should do it.

Nevertheless, there is no shortage of people seeking fame by way of so-called reality TV shows like this dating competition, which has been on ABC since 2002, and its sister show, "The Bachelorette."

Two of them are Nathaniel Claybrooks and Christopher Johnson of Nashville. They say in a suit filed in federal court there that they were not given the same consideration as white candidates when they tried out to be contestants during a regional casting call.

They're not saying they definitely should have been selected, said their Washington-based lawyer, Cyrus Mehri, only that they be given "the same level of consideration as white applicants."

The lawsuit, which names ABC and Mike Fleiss, executive producer of the two shows, claims the two dating shows have never featured a person of color in the central role of deciding who, among the season's lineup of dates, is the winning choice as a potential mate.

Does their suit have a chance? Civil rights lawyers say the plaintiffs could depose producers of both shows and probe everything from contestant applications to internal production memos during the discovery process. That could prove hazardous for any sort of show business enterprise, since industry people can be brutally candid about the talent they seek.

Think of "American Idol" judge Simon Cowell at his worst.

In one recent example, Acura has apologized after a leaked casting call sheet for its Super Bowl commercial asked for an African-American car dealer to be "nice looking, friendly, not too dark." A spokesman explained that "the skin tone restriction was to avoid problems with lighting and special effects." Yet, one wonders, would they turn down stars like, for example, Taye Diggs or Sidney Poitier or Lou Gossett, Jr., without even giving them a tryout?

The dating shows bring up a deeper social question about our times: America is past being ready for a black president, but is it ready for a black Bachelor?

The biggest challenge in the show's casting process is to find bachelors whom viewers in America's vast mainstream national audience will care enough about to stay tuned in for the duration of each season.

It is reasonable to assume that race, like any other visible characteristic, will figure into that decision, but it probably is not legal and certainly not politically correct in today's racial etiquette to say so or mention it in writing.

Regardless of how the lawsuit turns out, I suspect the marketplace may well decide this issue. If the show's ratings fall into a steep enough decline, for example, its producers may well want to cast a nonwhite bachelor to give the program an attractive burst of social tension. That's show biz.

And, my snobbish tastes aside, numerous TV viewers await a nonwhite Bachelor or Bachelorette with the nervous anticipation that earlier generations felt about Jackie Robinson's crossing baseball's color line in the 1940s. Lamar Hurd, an African-American Portland-based sportscaster, has reportedly been in talks with the show to be the first black Bachelor after he was the subject of a social media campaign. As the old TV saying goes, stay tuned.

Many of us had hoped that America had gotten past such hang-ups when Captain Kirk, played by William Shatner, kissed Lt. Uhuru, played by Nichelle Nichols, on the original "Star Trek" series in 1968, which is often cited as the first interracial kiss on a scripted television series. Yet the people who create network television are still nervous about what the heartland of America will accept.

Meanwhile, in the real world, interracial relations are rapidly becoming old news, even in the heartland. Paul Taylor, director of the Pew Hispanic Center, recently revealed a poll that found 15 percent of marriages in the United States are interracial, compared to only about 0.1 percent in 1961. "The human heart is the last frontier," Taylor said. Or maybe, as they used to say on Star Trek, it will be "the final frontier."

Email **CLARENCE PAGE** at cp@tribune.com. Tribune Media Services distributes his column.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Wednesday, April 25**, the 116th day of 2012. There are 250 days left in the year.

On this date:
In 1507, a world map produced by German cartographer Martin Waldseemüller contained the first recorded use of the term "America," in honor of Italian navigator Amerigo Vespucci (vehs-POO'-chee).

In 1901, New York Gov. Benjamin Barker Odell Jr. signed an automobile registration bill which imposed a 15 mph speed limit on highways.
In 1945, during World War II, U.S.

and Soviet forces linked up on the Elbe River, a meeting that dramatized the collapse of Nazi Germany's defenses. Delegates from some 50 countries met in San Francisco to organize the United Nations.

In 1992, Islamic forces in Afghanistan took control of most of the capital of Kabul following the collapse of the Communist government.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush hosted Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia at his Texas

ranch for a day of talks. The House voted 405-9 to abolish the embattled Immigration and Naturalization Service. A Russian rocket blasted into orbit, carrying South African Internet millionaire Mark Shuttleworth, the world's second space tourist. Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes, the effervescent, sometimes volatile member of the Grammy-winning trio TLC, died in an SUV crash in Honduras; she was 30.

Five years ago: Brushing off a presidential veto threat, the House passed, 218-208, a \$124.2 billion

supplemental spending bill ordering U.S. troops to begin coming home from Iraq in the fall of 2007. The Dow Jones industrial average topped 13,000 for the first time, ending the day at 13,089.89. Rosie O'Donnell announced she was leaving the ABC talk show "The View" in June (she actually left in late May).

One year ago: President Bashar Assad of Syria sent the military into the southern city of Daraa, where an anti-government uprising had begun the previous month.

Area wildlife sanctuary to release rescued bird

FROM NEW ERA STAFF REPORTS

A bird that was rescued on Christmas Eve and nursed back to health will be released into the wild Thursday at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in Cadiz, according to a news release.

In December, a great horned owl was found injured near the church in Cadiz. A call was made to Broadbent Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvington for help.

A federally licensed wildlife rehabilitator, Mary Ann Tobin, drove to Trigg County to bring the bird to the sanctuary. Tobin is the founder of the sanctuary and a former state legislator.

The owl suffered severe head trauma and had blood in her eyes and nostrils, said Dr. Mike O'Bryan, a veterinarian at the sanctuary.

During the first week of treatment, the bird was in the intensive care unit. She was then transported to a rehabilitation cage and then a flight cage. She has a wing span of nearly 5 feet.

Tobin and O'Bryan determined that she was ready to be released.

Tobin chose the church as the release site and named the owl Mary Hewlett, after her mother who once attended the church.

"This is the perfect location for the release," Tobin said. "Since great horned owls mate for life, we want to release her close to where she was found so she can be reunited with her mate."

The sanctuary's staff built a platform for the release, which will be Thursday at 7 p.m.

For more information, call 270-547-4200 or visit www.broadbentwildlife.org.

Feds make 1st arrest in BP oil spill case

NEW ORLEANS (AP) —

A BP engineer intentionally deleted more than 300 text messages that said the company's efforts to control the Gulf of Mexico oil spill were failing, and that the amount of oil leaking was far more than what the company reported, the Justice Department said Tuesday.

In the first criminal charges related to the deadly explosion on the Deepwater Horizon rig in April 2010, the Justice Department arrested Kurt Mix and charged him with two counts of obstruction of justice for allegedly destroying evidence sought by federal authorities, officials announced in a statement.

The charges came a day before a federal judge in New Orleans was to consider preliminary ap-

proval of a \$7.8 billion settlement between BP and a committee of plaintiffs in a civil case. Shrimp processors have raised objections, saying the settlement does not adequately compensate them.

Having an accurate flow-rate estimate is key to determining how much in civil and criminal penalties BP and the other companies drilling the Macondo will face under the Clean Water Act.

In an emailed statement, BP said it would not comment on the case but is cooperating with the Justice Department and other investigations into the oil spill. "BP had clear policies requiring preservation of evidence in this case and has undertaken substantial and ongoing efforts to preserve evidence," the state-

ment said.

Mix, 50, of Katy, Texas, appeared before a judge in Houston and was released on \$100,000 bail. Mix, who no longer works for BP, said very little during the hearing, answering routine questions about the charges. His attorney declined comment after the hearing. If convicted, he faces up to 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000 on each count.

The engineer deleted more than 200 messages sent to a BP supervisor from his iPhone in October 2010 containing information about how much oil was spilling out — and then erased 100 more the following year after receiving numerous legal notices to preserve the information, the Justice Department said in a news release.

We still worship 'idols' like money, power, possessions

DEAR REV. GRAHAM: My cousin took us to her church when we visited her a few weeks ago, and the preacher said something about people today being just as idolatrous as people in ancient times. What do you suppose he meant by that, since we don't worship idols like they did? — Mrs. J.Y.

DEAR MRS. J.Y.: No, we may not bow down to idols made of stone or metal as people did in ancient times. But does that mean we don't have our own "idols" today — that is, things we serve just as zealously as they did? I'm afraid we do.

MY ANSWER



BILLY GRAHAM

Take, for example, our preoccupation with money and material possessions. These aren't necessarily wrong, of course; we need them to take care of our loved ones and make our lives comfortable. But both can easily become "idols" that we slavishly follow and allow to become the most important things in our lives. Instead of serving God, we serve money and things — and they end up controlling us. But Jesus warned, "No one can serve two masters.... You cannot serve both God and Money" (Matthew 6:24).


I'm sure you can think of other things that have become like idols to us. But the real question is this: What "idols" do you serve? What have you allowed to take the place in your life that belongs only to God? The Bible says, "Dear children, keep yourselves from idols" (1 John 5:21).

Make sure of your commitment to Jesus Christ, and seek to follow Him every day. Don't be swayed by the false values and goals of this world, but put Christ and His will first in everything you do.

SEND YOUR QUERIES to "My Answer," c/o Billy Graham, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, 1 Billy Graham Parkway, Charlotte, NC, 28201; call 877-2-GRAHAM, or visit the website for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association: www.billygraham.org.
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Bride wants guests to take out the trash

DEAR AMY: My wife and I are attending a wedding next weekend. We are friends with the bride and groom, but not best friends. We received an email stating that we and another married couple have been “signed up” for the clean-up committee.

ASK AMY



AMY DICKINSON

The bride is catering her own wedding and using a rental kitchen. She just sent us an email saying she had assigned us to move tables and chairs, take out garbage and sweep the floor after the reception has ended.

The part that really gets me is where she gave reasons for asking us to do this task: “You are responsible; you are part of a long-term committed relationship (so I won’t be preventing an inebriated wedding stranger hookup); and I trust you to wrangle others to help — you are kind of bossy and I like that.”

She also says, “Feel free to decline this assignment with no hard feelings. Just let me know.”

How does one respond to such an email? Also, have you ever heard of a bride even doing such a thing?

— **Unsure of a Response**

DEAR UNSURE: This is a new one. The bride’s primary mistake, at least in my mind, is the tone of her request. I think she is trying to be wry and funny. But, as I have learned, comedy is best left to the professionals.

When you are asking people to literally take out your trash, the best way to do it is to throw yourself on their mercy and basically implore them to forgive you for the request.

Instead, she went another way — insulting you by calling you bossy, etc.

You could call her on this by responding, “Wow. What a lovely offer. Who wouldn’t jump at the chance to take out your trash?”

She is also giving you the opportunity to decline. I could supply you with the answer I once received when I asked a guy I didn’t know well to attend a wedding with me: “Oh — I’d love to, but I don’t think I have the right shoes.”

DEAR AMY: I’m a 27-year-old graduate student. I’ve been dating a man who is 10 years older.

He’s well-established in his field and is ready to make a lifetime commitment. He’s basically told me that this is a priority for him.

Now that I’m getting closer to graduating, I’m looking at jobs and realizing that I may need to make a choice between my boyfriend and a job in my field. I love him and really want to be with him right now, but I’m honestly not sure if I could make that kind of commitment. I’ve told him about this, and he just kind of shuts down.

Is it selfish to stay with him? Would it be better to break it off now so he can find someone who can commit to the life he wants? — **Graduating**

DEAR GRADUATING: If you are not sure what you want, your uncertainty itself is an answer. If you wanted a permanent future with him, you’d be practicing your vows into your hairbrush at this moment.

Chalk this up to bad timing. And let him know the absolute truth of your reality.

SEND QUESTIONS via email to askamy@tribune.com or by mail to Ask Amy, Chicago Tribune, TT500, 435 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611. Amy Dickinson’s memoir, “The Mighty Queens of Freewill: A Mother, a Daughter and the Town that Raised Them” (Hyperion), is available in bookstores.

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Bowling Green	81	64	t-storm
Cincinnati, OH	72	57	rain
Corbin	75	60	t-storm
Covington	71	59	rain
Cynthiana	73	59	t-storm
Danville	74	62	t-storm
Elizabethtown	77	62	t-storm
Evansville, IN	78	63	t-storm
Frankfort	74	61	t-storm

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Glasgow	79	63	t-storm
Hopkinsville	80	63	t-storm
Knoxville, TN	77	60	t-storm
Lexington	72	61	t-storm
Louisville	78	65	t-storm
Madisonville	81	64	t-storm
Mayfield	82	65	mst sunny
Middlesboro	77	62	t-storm
Morehead	71	59	t-storm
Mount Vernon	74	60	t-storm

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Murray	81	66	mst sunny
Nashville, TN	81	63	pt sunny
Owensboro	79	64	t-storm
Paducah	80	65	mst sunny
Pikeville	75	62	t-storm
Prestonsburg	72	57	t-storm
Richmond	74	62	t-storm
Russell Springs	75	60	t-storm
Somerset	74	61	t-storm
Winchester	74	62	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	81	58	pt sunny
Boston	59	41	pt sunny
Chicago	65	49	rain
Dallas	89	67	windy
Denver	83	55	cloudy

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Houston	85	68	pt sunny
Los Angeles	70	55	rain
Miami	81	66	sunny
Minneapolis	73	47	t-storm
New York	59	49	pt sunny

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Phoenix	90	65	cloudy
San Francisco	62	54	rain
Seattle	59	50	rain
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Christian County grounds Falcons

FROM NEW ERA STAFF REPORTS

The Christian County Colonels will battle University Heights Academy for the No. 2 seed in next month's District 8 baseball tournament after sweeping Fort Campbell in a two-game series. The Colonels used a four-hitter from pitcher Joey Deck and some timely hitting to beat the Falcons 3-1 Tuesday night at Colonel Field. The win came a night after the Colonels romped to a 7-2 win on post. On Tuesday, Deck struck out seven and walked three to get the complete-game victory. Christian County scored two runs in the first inning after the Falcons had scored in the top of the first. The Colonels added a solo run in the sixth to push their lead to 3-1. Fort Campbell pitcher Travis Swails only allowed four hits while taking the loss. Dixon Craft, Logan Daniel,

Clayton Baker and Sam Blane had hits for Christian County. Meanwhile, on Monday Baker was the big hitter for the Colonels with a pair of doubles and and two RBIs. David Smith added two singles for Christian County. The Colonels broke open the game in the top of the seventh inning with four runs after the Falcons had narrowed the gap to 3-2 with a two-run sixth frame. Christian County now is 9-14 overall and 2-2 in the district. Fort Campbell slipped to 8-11 overall and 1-5 in league play. Hopkinsville sealed the top seed for the tournament by beating UHA on Tuesday night. The Blazers and Colonels will square off May 7 and 8 in the regular season series.

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Fort Campbell's Pedro Hernandez (right) slides under the tag of Christian County third baseman Clayton Baker during their District 8 baseball game Tuesday at Colonel Field.

JOE WILSON | KENTUCKY NEW ERA

Rising to the top



Hopkinsville's Josh Denton (above, right) slides safely into third as University Heights Academy's Coby Lancaster awaits the ball during their District 8 baseball game Tuesday night at Chris Simmons Field. Meanwhile, a Hopkinsville batter (below) connects with a pitch.

TOM KANE | KENTUCKY NEW ERA



HHS sweeps UHA, secures No. 1 seed

BY KEITH JENKINS
NEW ERA ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

After falling into some tough luck on the mound earlier this season, Hopkinsville's Gus Sholar pitched three perfect innings Tuesday night en route to leading the Tigers to the No.1 seed in the District 8 baseball tournament for the third year in a row. Sholar, who suffered a 3-0 loss to district foe Fort Campbell and a 2-0 defeat to Louisville Southern earlier this year, allowed only one run on four hits in six innings of work, as Hopkinsville thumped host University Heights Academy 13-1 at Chris Simmons Field to complete the regular-season sweep of the district rival Blazers. "His big success all year long was finding the strike zone for us," Tigers coach Jeff Gillespie said of Sholar, who struck out three in the win. "We played good defense behind him. He's the type of pitcher where they'll have a chance to put the ball in play and we have to play tough defense. That's exactly what happened tonight. What helped him get along early and throughout the game was some easy innings, low-pitch innings, which is huge this time of year."

A night after shaking off a grand slam by UHA's Jacob Stevens in a 14-

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"We played pretty well, but I was disappointed a little bit with our hitting. It was sporadic. We had our opportunities and we didn't get it done with our short game."

Jim Perrin
Christian County softball coach

Lady Colonels, Matchen drop Lady Blazers

FROM NEW ERA STAFF REPORTS

The Christian County Lady Colonels will be the top seed in next month's District 8 tournament thanks to an 8-0 victory over visiting University Heights Academy Tuesday night. Christian County (15-3, 3-0 District 8) used a five-run fourth inning to break open the game. "They just hit their spots," UHA coach Keith O'Daniel said. "The ball fell where they needed it to and when they needed it they found the gaps. But I'm proud of my girls. We're really young." The Lady Blazers (11-10, 4-1) started three fifth graders and a sixth grader in their starting lineup Tuesday, O'Daniel said. The Lady Colonels jumped on top early with a run in the bottom of the first and pushed the lead to 2-0 in the third. "We played pretty well, but I was disappointed a little bit with our hitting," Christian County coach Jim Perrin said. "It was sporadic. We had our opportunities and we didn't get it done with our short game." Malena Whipple swung the hot bat for Christian County, going 3-for-4 with three RBIs. Maggie Glass had a triple, Kelsey Thomas had a double and single and Lauren Hobson added a double. Kalan Alder also had a good day at the plate with two singles. UHA managed only four hits off winning pitcher Jasmine Matchen. The Lady Blazers return to action Thursday at home against Logan County. Christian County will play host to Hopkinsville Tuesday. Christian Co. 8, UHA 0
U. Heights 000 000 0-0 4 0
Christian Co. 101 501 x-8 11 0
WP-Jasmine Matchen (7 IP, 3 SO, 1 BB).
LP-Hannah Shemwell (6 IP, 2 SO, 2 BB).
Leading Hitters: UHA - Chelsea Cansler (1B), Lexie O'Daniel (1B), Sydney Davenport (1B), Carson Bryant (1B); CCHS - Glass (3B), Thomas (1B, 2B), Whipple (2 1B, 2B), Hobson (2B), Katie Keller (1B), Alder (2 1B), Morgan Cunningham (1B).



University Heights Academy first baseman Taylor Shemwell (left) awaits the throw as Christian County's Morgan Cunningham barrels down the first-base line during their District 8 softball game Tuesday night at Lady Colonel Field.

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TODAY'S GAMES

PREP Baseball	NBA	NBA	NHL
HENDERSON CO. AT HOPKINSVILLE 6 P.M.	PHILADELPHIA AT MILWAUKEE 7 P.M. L.A. CLIPPERS AT NEW YORK 7 P.M.	SAN ANTONIO AT PHOENIX 9:30 P.M. CHICAGO AT INDIANA 6 P.M.	WASHINGTON AT BOSTON 6:30 P.M.

TOP SCORES

PREP Baseball	PREP Softball
FORT CAMPBELL 1 CHRISTIAN CO. 3 HOPKINSVILLE 13 UHA 1	UHA 8 CHRISTIAN CO. 0 TRIGG CO. 4, 3 LYON CO. 14, 5

SCOREBOARD

NBA				
At A Glance				
By The Associated Press				
All Times CDT				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Boston	38	27	.585	—
x-New York	34	30	.531	3 1/2
x-Philadelphia	34	30	.531	3 1/2
New Jersey	22	43	.338	16
Toronto	22	43	.338	16
Southeast	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Miami	46	19	.708	—
x-Atlanta	39	26	.600	7
x-Orlando	36	28	.563	9 1/2
Washington	18	46	.281	27 1/2
Charlotte	7	57	.109	38 1/2
Central	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Chicago	48	16	.750	—
x-Indiana	42	23	.646	6 1/2
Milwaukee	31	33	.484	17
Detroit	24	41	.369	24 1/2
Cleveland	21	43	.328	27

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest	W	L	Pct	GB
z-San Antonio	48	16	.750	—
x-Memphis	40	25	.615	8 1/2
x-Dallas	36	29	.554	12 1/2
Houston	33	32	.508	15 1/2
New Orleans	20	44	.313	28
Northwest	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Okla. City	47	18	.723	—
x-Denver	36	28	.563	10 1/2
Utah	34	30	.531	12 1/2
Portland	28	37	.431	19
Minnesota	26	39	.400	21
Pacific	W	L	Pct	GB
x-L.A. Lakers	41	24	.631	—
x-L.A. Clippers	40	25	.615	1
Phoenix	33	31	.516	7 1/2
Golden State	23	41	.359	17 1/2
Sacramento	21	44	.323	20

Monday

Indiana 103, Detroit 97
Washington 101, Charlotte 73
Philadelphia 105, New Jersey 87
Memphis 109, Cleveland 101
Milwaukee 92, Toronto 86
San Antonio 124, Portland 89

Tuesday				
Atlanta 109, L.A. Clippers 102				
Oklahoma City 118, Sacramento 110				
Boston 78, Miami 66				
New Orleans at Golden State, Late.				
Phoenix at Utah, Late.				

Wednesday				
Washington at Cleveland, 6 p.m.				
Chicago at Indiana, 6 p.m.				
Charlotte at Orlando, 6 p.m.				
Denver at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.				
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.				
L.A. Clippers at New York, 7 p.m.				
San Antonio at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.				

Thursday				
New Jersey at Toronto, 6 p.m.				
Portland at Utah, 7 p.m.				
Cleveland at Chicago, 7 p.m.				
New Orleans at Houston, 7 p.m.				
Denver at Minnesota, 7 p.m.				
Orlando at Memphis, 7 p.m.				
Dallas at Atlanta, 7 p.m.				
Milwaukee at Boston, 7 p.m.				
New York at Charlotte, 7 p.m.				
Philadelphia at Detroit, 7 p.m.				
Miami at Washington, 7 p.m.				
San Antonio at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.				
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.				

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Milwaukee at Boston, 7 p.m.
New York at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Miami at Washington, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Golden State, 9:30 p.
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 9:30 p.

American League				
At A Glance				
All Times CDT				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	10	7	.588	—
New York	10	7	.588	—
Tampa Bay	10	7	.588	—
Toronto	10	7	.588	—
Boston	6	10	.375	3 1/2

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	10	6	.625	—
Cleveland	9	6	.600	1/2
Detroit	10	7	.588	1/2
Minnesota	5	13	.278	6
Kansas City	3	14	.176	7 1/2
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	14	4	.778	—
Oakland	8	10	.444	6
Seattle	8	10	.444	6
Los Angeles	6	11	.353	7 1/2
Tied for 3rd				

Tuesday's Games				
Cleveland 4, Kansas City 3				
Seattle 7, Detroit 4				
Baltimore 2, Toronto 1				
Tampa Bay 5, L.A. Angels 0				
Texas 2, N.Y. Yankees 0				
Boston 11, Minnesota 2				
Chicago White Sox at Oakland, Late.				

Wednesday's Games				
Chicago White Sox (Sale 2-1) at Oakland (Parker 0-0), 2:35 p.m.				
Kansas City (Hoechevar 1-1) at Cleveland (Jimenez 2-0), 6:05 p.m.				
Seattle (F.Hernandez 1-1) at Detroit (Wilk 0-2), 6:05 p.m.				
Toronto (Drabek 2-0) at Baltimore (Hammel 2-0), 6:05 p.m.				
L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 2-1) at Tampa Bay (Hellickson 2-0), 6:10 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees (P.Hughes 1-2) at Texas (Feldman 0-0), 7:05 p.m.				
Boston (Buchholz 1-1) at Minnesota (Hendricks 0-0), 7:10 p.m.				

Thursday's Games				
Kansas City at Cleveland, 11:05 a.m.				
Seattle at Detroit, 12:05 p.m.				
L.A. Angels at Tampa Bay, 12:10 p.m.				
Toronto at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m.				
Boston at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m.				
National League				
The Associated Press				

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	12	4	.750	—
Atlanta	10	7	.588	2 1/2
New York	9	8	.529	3 1/2
Miami	7	9	.438	5
Philadelphia	7	10	.412	5 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	11	6	.647	—
Milwaukee	9	9	.500	2 1/2
Cincinnati	8	9	.471	3
Pittsburgh	7	9	.438	3 1/2
Houston	6	12	.333	5 1/2
Chicago	5	12	.294	6
West Division				

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	13	4	.765	—
Arizona	9	8	.529	4
San Francisco	9	8	.529	4
Colorado	8	8	.500	4 1/2
San Diego	5	12	.294	8

Tuesday's Games

Pittsburgh 5, Colorado 4
N.Y. Mets 2, Miami 1
Cincinnati 9, San Francisco 2
St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee 9, Houston 6
Philadelphia at Arizona, Late.
Washington at San Diego, Late.
Atlanta at L.A. Dodgers, Late.

Tuesday's Games				
Pittsburgh 5, Colorado 4				
N.Y. Mets 2, Miami 1				
Cincinnati 9, San Francisco 2				
St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.				
Milwaukee 9, Houston 6				
Philadelphia at Arizona, Late.				
Washington at San Diego, Late.				
Atlanta at L.A. Dodgers, Late.				
Wednesday's Games				
Colorado (Nicasio 1-0) at Pittsburgh (Ja.McDonald 0-1), 12:35 p.m., 1st game				
Houston (Happ 1-1) at Milwaukee (Marcum 1-1), 1:10 p.m.				
St. Louis (Lynn 3-0) at Chicago Cubs (Volstad 0-2), 2:20 p.m.				
Philadelphia (Harnels 2-1) at Arizona (Cahill 1-1), 3:40 p.m.				
Colorado (Chacin 0-1) at Pittsburgh (Morton 0-1), 4:05 p.m., 2nd game				
Washington (Zimmermann 0-1) at San Diego (Wieland 0-2), 6:35 p.m.				
Miami (Buehrle 1-2) at N.Y. Mets (Dickey 2-1), 7:10 p.m.				
San Francisco (Zito 1-0) at Cincinnati (Arroyo 1-0), 7:10 p.m.				
Atlanta (Beachy 2-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Lilly 2-0), 10:10 p.m.				

Thursday's Games				
San Francisco at Cincinnati, 12:35 p.m.				
Miami at N.Y. Mets, 1:10 p.m.				
Washington at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.				
Cubs 3, Cardinals 2, 10 Innings,				
St. Louis	ab	r	h	bi
Furcal ss3	1	0	0	DeJess rf 5
Schmkr 2b	5	1	0	iCampncf4 1
Salas p	0	0	0	SCastro ss4 0
Holliday lf5	1	0	1	LaHair tf4 1
Beltran rf4	0	0	0	ASorin lf 5
Freese 3b4	0	1	0	ISTewart lf4 0
Rzpczy p0	0	0	0	Barney 2b4 0
Greene 2b1	0	0	0	Soto c 3
YMoIn c4	0	2	0	Smrdzj p 2
McCrnt lb	3	0	0	cCamp p 0
Roinsn cf3	0	1	0	DeWitt ph 1
Wnwrp p2	0	0	0	Dolis p 0
VMarte p0	0	0	0	Marm p 0
Descalsph-3bt	0	0	0	Bowl p 0
Mather ph	1	0	0	0

SPORTS FORECAST

THURSDAY				
High School Baseball				
Hopkins Cent. at Caldwell Co.				
Community Christian at Fort Campbell				
HCA at Lighthouse				
Trigg Co. at Stewart Co.				
UHA at Paducah				
High School Softball				
Russellville at Hopkinsville				
Trigg Co. at Todd Co. Cent.				
Logan Co. at UHA				
High School Tennis				
Logan Co. at Christian Co.				
Hopkinsville at Madisonville-N.H.				
FRIDAY				
High School Baseball				
Stewart Co. at Fort Campbell				

Russell p	0	0	0	0
Totals	35	2	6	2Totals 373 10 3
St. Louis000000020				0—2
Chicago100000001				1—3
Two outs when winning run scored.				
E—Furcal (3), Y.Molina (1), Marmol (1).				
DP—Chicago 1. LOB—St. Louis 9, Chicago 9.				
2B—Y.Molina (8), Robinson (2), DeJesus 2 (4).				
A.Soriano (1). HR—Holliday (4), LaHair (3).				
SB—Y.Molina (2), Campana 2 (4). S—Campana.				
SF—S.Castro.				

IP					H	R	ER	BB	SO
St. Louis									
Wainwright	6	6	1	1	1	7			
V.Marte	1	0	0	0	0	0			
Rzpczynski BS,1-11	2	2	1	1	0	1			
Salas L,0-1	1	2	1	1	1	2			
Chicago									
Samardzija	6.2	4	0	0	2	9			
Camp H,1	.10	0	0	0	0				
Dolis H,2	.20	1	1	1	0				
Marmol BS,2	.11	1	1	1	0				
Bowden	.11	0	0	2	1				
Russell W,1-0	10	0	0	0	2				
Umpires—Home, Chris Conroy; First, Jeff Nelson; Second, Bill Welke; Third, Tim Tschida.									
T—3:21. A—38,894 (41,009).									

BASEBALL'S TOP TEN					
AMERICAN LEAGUE					
G	AB	R	H	Pct.	
Ortiz Bos	16	63	10	28	.444
Jeter NYY	17	77	14	32	.416
Hamilton Tex 18	75	16	30	40	
Sweeney Bos 14	51	5	20	.392	
Hannahan Cle14	44	3	16	.364	
MYoung Tex 17	69	9	25	.362	
Rios CWS 14	50	4	18	.360	
Konerko CWS 16	63	11	22	.349	
Pierzynski CWS14	50	6	17	.340	
Longoria TB 17	62	12	21	.339	

Home Runs				
Hamilton, Texas, 8; Granderson, New York, 6; Napoli, Texas, 6; Wieters, Baltimore, 6; Mi-Cabrera, Detroit, 5; Adloness, Baltimore, 5; Kinsler, Texas, 5; Reimold, Baltimore, 5; C.Cross, Boston, 5; Willingham, Minnesota, 5.				

Runs Batted In				
Swisher, New York, 21; Hamilton, Texas, 19; Cespedes, Oakland, 15; Ortiz, Boston, 15; Pierzynski, Chicago, 15; Scott, Tampa Bay, 15; ADunn, Chicago, 14; Longoria, Tampa Bay, 14; C.Ross, Boston, 14.				

Pitching				
Darvish, Texas, 3-0; Nova, New York, 3-0; R.Ross, Texas, 3-0; M.Harrison, Texas, 3-0; Peavy, Chicago, 3-0; Shields, Tampa Bay, 3-0; Weaver, Los Angeles, 3-0.				

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PREP

Trigg Co. hammers Cardinals

FROM NEW ERA STAFF REPORTS

The Trigg County Wildcats hammered visiting Livingston Central 14-6 Monday afternoon in a high school baseball game.

Hunter Allen slammed a grand slam and added two singles to lead the Wildcats.

Allen, Nick Wright and David Wease all drove in four runs each.

Wease had a double and two singles and Nick Allen had a double and single.

Zach Snodgrass and Ben Wigand each had a pair of singles.

The good feeling didn't last on Tuesday, as host Lyon County shocked the Wildcats 4-3.

Snodgrass had a pair of singles and Hunter Allen slammed a home run and single. Wigand also had two singles for Trigg, which is now 7-12 overall and 1-2 in district play.

Trigg Co. 14, Livingston Cent. 6

Livingston Cent. 104 010 0-6 9 2

Trigg Co. 221 081 x-14 14 0

WP-Hunter Allen (2 IP, 5 SO, 2 BB).

LP-Love

Leading Hitters: Trigg - Snodgrass (2

1B), Corbin Estes (1B), H. Allen (2 1B,

HR), N. Allen (2B, 1B), Wigand (2 1B),

Wease (2B, 2 1B), Wright (2B).

Lyon Co. 4, Trigg Co. 3

Trigg Co. .001 200 0-3 9 5

Lyon Co. 210 100 04 6 1

WP-Rogers

LP-Trace Kuberski (6 IP, 3 SO, 2 BB).

Leading Hitters: Trigg - H. Allen (1B,

HR), Snodgrass (2 1B), Kuberski (1B), N.

Allen (1B), Wigand (2 1B), Wright (1B).

HHS: Tigers clinch top seed

FROM PAGE B1

4, five-inning victory Monday night at Tiger Stadium, Hopkinsville tagged Stevens, who started for the Blazers Tuesday, with eight runs on 13 hits. The Tigers (12-9, 5-1) finished with 19 total hits on the night.

"There were a few batters he got behind," UHA coach Scott Peck said of Stevens, who finished with five strikeouts in five innings. "Hop-town's got a good-hitting team. But just like last night and a lot of games this year, we didn't make the plays we should have made. We gave them four, five, I think maybe six outs an inning in some of them."

The Blazers (6-8, 2-2) committed four errors in the lopsided defeat.

Hopkinsville 13, UHA 1

HHS 000 352 3-13 19 0

UHA 000 010 0-1 4 4

WP-Sholar (6 IP, 3 K, 3 BB)

LP-Stevens (5 IP, 3 K, 0 BB)

Leading Hitters: HHS - Gardner (3 1B),

Lewis (3 1B), Smithson (1B, 2B), (2 1B),

White (2 1B), Unfried (2 1B), Scruggs (2

1B), Harris (3 1B); UHA - McCombs (1B,

2B), P'Pool (1B), Stevens (1B).

Hopkinsville 14, UHA 4

UHA 040 00-4 2 2

HHS 262 22-14 12 2

WP-Scruggs (5 IP, 5 K, 1 BB)

LP-Willen (2 1/3 IP, 1 K, 2 BB)

Leading Hitters: UHA - A. Byrum (3B),

P'Pool (1B), West (1B), Stevens (HR); HHS

- Smithson (3 1B, 2B), Gardner (2B), Lewis

(1B), Denton (1B), White (1B), Stevenson

(2B), Sholar (2B), Harris (2 1B).

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CCHS: Colonels defeat Falcons

FROM PAGE B1

WP-Deck (7 IP, 7 SO, 3 BB).

LP-T. Swails

Leading Hitters: FCHS - N/A; CCHS - Craft (1B), Daniel (1B), Baker (1B), Blane (1B).

Christian Co. 7, Fort Campbell 2

Chritian Co. 000 111 4 7 7 0


Fort Campbell 000 002 0-2 7 1

WP-Craft (7 IP, 4 SO, 4 BB).

LP-N/A

Leading Hitters: CCHS - Craft (1B), Smith (2 1B), Logan Patterson (1B), Logan

Daniel (1B), Baker (2 2B); FCHS - N/A.



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A Fort Campbell' player slides safely across home plate as University Heights catcher Shelby Reynolds tries to apply a tag during their District 8 game Monday at Lady Blazer Field.

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UHA sweeps FCHS

FROM NEW ERA STAFF REPORTS

University Heights Academy swept a District 8 softball double-header from visiting Fort Campbell Monday night.

In the first game, Lexie O'Daniel fired a five-hitter and UHA won 22-4 in four innings.

Makenzi Hamby had three hits and Sydney Davenport slammed a double and triple for the Lady Blazers (10-9, 4-0).

UHA also took advantage of 16 walks.

In the nightcap, Hamby threw a three-hitter and Davenport had a single and triple for UHA in a 17-2 win in three innings.

O'Daniel had a single and double for the Lady Blazers.

Jenna Caraccilo had a single in both games for Fort Campbell (0-10, 0-4).

UHA 22, FCHS 4

U. Heights 652 9-22 8 3

Fort Campbell 400 0-4 5 2

WP-O'Daniel (4 IP, 4 SO, 1 BB).

LP-Ammerman (4 IP, 2 SO, 16 BB).

Leading Hitters: UHA - Chelsea

Cansler (1B), O'Daniel (1B), Davenport

(2B, 3B), Hamby (3 1B), Kelsey

Thomas (1B); FCHS - Gomez (1B),

Fair (1B), Sullivan (1B), Alfeld (1B),

Caraccilo (1B).

UHA 17, FCHS 2

Fort Campbell 200-2 3 5

U. Heights 89x-17 5 2

WP-Hamby (3 IP, 5 SO, 1 BB).

LP-Massey

Leading Hitters: FCHS - Caraccilo

(1B), Fair (1B), Ammerman (1B);

UHA - Davenport (1B, 3B),

O'Daniel (1B, 2B), Alex Juckett (1B).

Hoptown scores 9 in 7th to beat Logan

Hopkinsville scored nine runs in the top of the seventh inning and rallied past host Logan County 11-5 Monday night in a high school softball game.

The Lady Tigers were down to their last out when they began the rally.

Kayleigh Wilson had a two-run single that pushed Hoptown into a 5-4 lead. It was part of a two-hit night for the



PHOTO BY LISA ADAMS

University Heights Academy's Sydney Davenport slides safely into third base after legging out a triple during the Lady Blazers' 22-4 win over Fort Campbell Monday at Lady Blazer Field.

senior center fielder.

Madison Duvall hammered a pair of doubles and drove in three runs and Sarah Pinson had a two-bagger for the Lady Tigers (6-9).

Skyler Grant tossed a three-hitter and pitched around seven errors to get the win for Hoptown.

Junior catcher Erin Ganley also had a pair of singles.

Former Hopkinsville player Lindsey Ezell slammed a two-run home run for the Lady Cougars.

Hopkinsville 11, Logan Co. 5

Hopkinsville 200 000 9-11 7 7

Logan Co. 220 000 1-5 3 3

WP-Skyler Grant (7 IP, 3 SO, 2 BB).

LP-N/A

Leading Hitters: HHS - Pinson

(2B), Wilson (2 1B), M. Duvall (2 2B),

Ganley (2 1B).

Livingston Central routs Trigg in softball

Livingston Central scored eight runs in the top of the second on the way to a 14-0 five-inning softball win over Trigg County Monday night.

The Lady Wildcats had only two hits, with both of them coming from Brittney Hallgren.

Alison Russell suffered the pitching loss in the District 5 game.

The loss dropped Trigg to 2-11 on the season and it is the Lady Wildcats' fourth straight defeat. Trigg is 0-3 in District 5.

Livingston Cent. 14, Trigg Co. 0

Livingston Cent. 281 03-14 13 0

Trigg Co. 000 00-0 2 5


WP-Merritt

LP-Alison Russell (1 2/3 IP, 0 SO, 2

BB).

Leading Hitters: Trigg - Hallgen (2

1B).




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ATHLETES of the WEEK



Pedro Hernandez

The Fort Campbell High School pitcher tossed a five-hitter and led the Falcons to their first district baseball win in 19 years with a 3-0 victory over Hopkinsville.



Terrah Ray

The Heritage Christian Academy pitcher struck out 18 batters and won two games last weekend for the Lady Warriors.

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BRIEFS

Perrin to be inducted into KHSAA Hall of Fame

Christian County High School softball coach Jim Perrin will be part of the 25th Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame class, which will be inducted at 6:30 p.m. (EST) Saturday at the Bluegrass Ballroom in the Lexington Convention Center.

Perrin, who won slow-pitch softball state championships in 1990, 1991 and 1994 and a fast-pitch state softball title in 1996, also was a successful wrestling coach and athletic director for the Colonels.

Perrin was 633-147, won 19 district championships and eight region titles with the Lady Colonels.

He guided the Colonels' wrestling team to the 1988 state championship.

He retired from Christian County following the 2003 softball season but returned to coach the team in 2012.

County boys' basketball team honors players

Devante Nicholas took home the Colonel Pride Award at the Christian County High School boys' basketball banquet last week.

Other varsity winners as voted on by the players included Deandre Mosby (Most Improved), C.J. Cotton (110 Percent), Korey Mosley (Best Defense), Isaiah Pollard (Sixth Man) and James White (Carlos Wilson Award).

White won the Field Goal Percentage award. Other statistical award winners included Cotton (3-point Percentage), Pollard (Free Throw), Demarius Poindexter (Rebounds), Jarvis Irby (assists) and Mosley (Steals).

Williams garners 3 awards at Lady Cols banquet

Martessia Williams took home three awards at the Christian County High School girls' basketball team banquet last week.

Williams, a senior guard, won awards for most assists, 2-point shooting percentage and most steals.

Other varsity award winners included DeSherica Edwards (Most Improved and 3-point Percentage), Chrissanda Legette (Super Sub), Cynthea Gold (Free Throw Percentage), Kimberly Hyde (Rebounds), Jamesha Mosley (Defensive), Susie Croney (Gentry Award) and Kenya Grant (Colonel Pride).

Junior Varsity awards went to Alexis Mann (Most Improved) and Jaquasha Nicholas (Defensive).

HHS football team schedules Spring Expo event

Hopkinsville High School's football team has scheduled a Spring Football Expo from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday at the Tigers' practice field.

Tiger fans are invited to attend the event.

Little Lady Colonels 12U softball team wins title

The Christian County Little Lady Colonels 12U softball team won the USGF "Chillin in the Dirt Field" tournament last weekend at the Kenny Litchfield Youth Complex.

The Colonels went 6-0, defeating the Owensboro Kentucky Pride and South Indiana Heartbreakers in pool play. In the tournament, the Lady Colonels beat the Heartbreakers, Allen County Aftershock and the Warren County Knockouts twice.

Leading hitters for Christian County were Lacie Mohon (10 for 13, 12 RBI), Hannah Bradshaw (10 for 14), Kristen Adcock (8 for 13), Emmy Blane (6 for 12), Halle Rhea Hendricks (5 for 12), Jenna Humphries (5 for 12) and Julianna Kelly (5 for 13).

Regan Hancock won all six games in the pitching circle.

Macy Lancaster also contributed for the Lady Colonels.

Stacey Harbold shines in Brescia softball victory

Former Christian County High School softball pitcher Stacey Harbold struck out six and led Brescia University to a 4-3 win over St. Catherine.

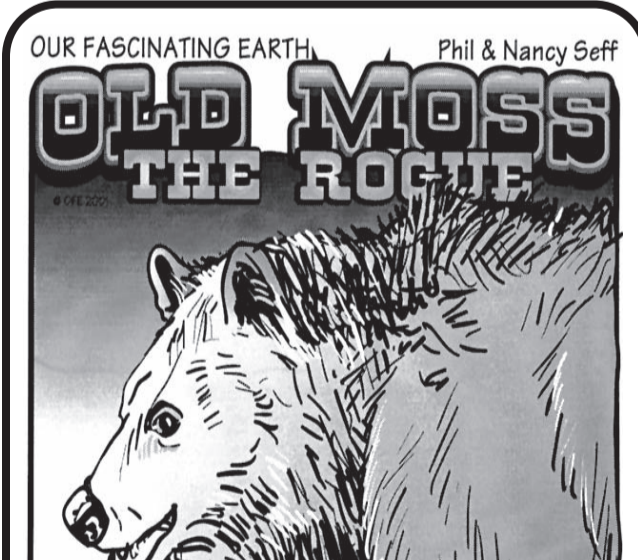
At the plate Harbold slammed a home run.

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Juice vs. whole fruit: Juice lacks nutrition compared with whole fruit

Juice is thought, by many, to be a healthy drink that provides the same nutrition as its whole fruit counterpart. The truth is actually just the opposite. Fruit juice, both from concentrate or 100 percent juice, is not an equivalent of whole fruit and actually has very few health benefits.

When calorically compared to soda, juice is a mirror image.

Orange, apple, and grape juices are some of the most common juices consumed by Americans and are high in calories and high in sugar. The

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same is true about all fruit juices.

Whole fruit is not only much lower calorically — a medium-sized apple is only about 60-80 calories, but also contains fiber and provides higher amounts of satiety when eaten. Chewing signals the brain that energy is being consumed. Therefore when you eat fruit, your mind and body are satisfied through chewing, whereas when you drink juice you are simply quenching thirst with calories and flavor and getting very little nutrition.

The proper portion size for juice is ½ cup. Look in your cabinet and get out the glass that you typically use when drinking orange juice in the mornings. Now fill it up with water to the same level that you do with juice and measure it. More than likely your glass holds more than 12

ounces and you drink that amount of juice. Now fill up the same glass with only ½ cup of water — this is how much juice you should be drinking if you chose to drink juice.

The truth about juice is that it is not a necessary part of a healthful eating plan and actually should be rarely consumed. Whole fruit contains fiber and provides higher levels of satiety with fewer calories. The average person should be eating about 2–3 cups of whole fruit daily. If juice is consumed, ½ cup of juice is the equivalent of 1 cup of whole fruit.

Increasing fruit intake is as simple as keeping whole fruit in plain sight. Put a bowl of apples and oranges on the counter or keep grapes on a shelf in the fridge at eye level. By doing this you are visually stimulating yourself with fruit.

QuickInfo: 12-oz comparisons

Coca-Cola: 40 g carbs, 10 tsp of sugar, 145 calories.
Orange juice: 39 g carbs, 8 tsp of sugar, 165 calories.
Apple juice: 42 g carbs, 10 tsp of sugar, 165 calories.
Grape juice: 60 g carbs, 15 tsp of sugar, 240 calories.

This will help you make the conscious effort to increase your intake of this healthy treat.

DEVON JENKINS runs her own nutrition consulting business, Purely Nutritious. Her column runs the last Wednesday of the month. She can be reached at purelynutritious@gmail.com.

Cocktails fit for a healthy Cinco de Mayo

BY ALISON LADMAN
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's easy to love a great cocktail. Until you look at the numbers.

Some margaritas, for example, can pack upward of 1,000 calories. That's an awful lot of empty calories for something that truly is just a minute on the lips. So with Cinco de Mayo coming up, we decided to give healthy makeovers to some suitable refreshments.

The key to preventing cocktails from becoming calorie bombs is to take care when selecting the base for the drink. Juices (even unsweetened ones), sodas, anything with a syrup in it, and most liqueurs all pack tons of sugar.

The best option for a satisfying light drink is to start with seltzer water or still water. Be aware that club soda is not the same thing. While club soda doesn't have calories, it does have sodium. Once you have a clean water base, you can start adding flavorings to it.

We've created three cocktails worthy of your Cinco de Mayo celebration that won't necessitate a half marathon to burn off the calories.

We use real fruit, distilled spirits and a touch of agave nectar to keep things fresh and light. If you like, add a touch of salt around the rim of your glass for a classic margarita feel. Do this by running a lime wedge around the rim, then overturning the glass and dipping it in a plate of coarse salt.

1 lime, cut into pieces
1/4 cup fresh raspberries
1 teaspoon agave nectar
1 ounce silver or white tequila
Seltzer water

Fill a cocktail glass with ice. In a cocktail shaker, muddle the orange, lime, raspberries and agave nectar with the tequila until the fruit is very pulpy and juicy. This should take about 5 minutes. Strain into the ice and top with seltzer water.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 130 calories; 0 calories from fat (0 percent of total calories); 0 g fat (0 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 17 g carbohydrate; 1 g protein; 3 g fiber; 0 mg sodium.

Super citrus 'rita

Start to finish: 10 minutes
 Servings: 1
Kosher salt
Juice of 1/2 ruby red grapefruit
Juice of 1/2 orange
Juice of 1/2 lemon
Juice of 1/2 lime
1 ounce reposado tequila

Salt the rim of a cocktail glass and fill with ice. In a cocktail shaker filled with ice, combine the grapefruit juice, orange juice, lemon juice, lime juice and tequila. Shake vigorously, then strain into the glass. Garnish with a lemon twist.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 130 calories; 0 calories from fat (0 percent of total calories); 0 g fat (0 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 17 g carbohydrate; 1 g protein; 0 g fiber; 480 mg sodium.

Cucumber cooler

Start to finish: 10 minutes
 Servings: 1
1 cup peeled, seeded and diced cucumber
1 ounce silver or white tequila
Juice of 1 lime
1 teaspoon agave syrup
1 tablespoon chopped fresh mint

leaves
1 cup ice
 In a blender, combine the cucumber, tequila, lime juice, agave and mint leaves. Blend until completely pureed. Add the ice and blend until the ice is finely chopped. Pour into a tall glass and garnish with mint and a lime wedge.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 110 calories; 0 calories from fat (0 percent of total calories); 0 g fat (0 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 12 g carbohydrate; 1 g protein; 1 g fiber; 5 mg sodium.

Sparkling raspberry margarita

Start to finish: 10 minutes
 Servings: 1
1/2 orange, cut into pieces



Are your kids veggie averse? Make them mashed carrots

BY J.M. HIRSCH
AP FOOD EDITOR

Not sure why this recipe never occurred to me before. After all, I live on the front lines of the battle to get kids (in particular, my own) to eat vegetables.

And it's usually a losing battle. Until I stumbled my way into this one.

I was making carrots with dinner a few weeks ago. Instead of seasoning and roasting them as I usually do, I decided to steam them. Then I got distracted, as I usually do. By the time I rescued the carrots from the pan, they were fall-apart tender. That's when it hit me. We mash potatoes. We mash squash. Some people even mash cauliflower. Why not mash carrots?

And so I did. With a bit of butter, milk, salt and pepper, I had a delicious vegetable dish with the consistency of mashed potatoes. The next night, I made it again (only this time on purpose). But instead of mashing by hand, I used the food processor to ensure an even smoother, mashed potato-like consistency. Adding a bit of cumin made it even better. It was a winner. And not just with me. The resident 7-year-old boy also approved.

Mashed carrots

Start to finish: 20 minutes
 Servings: 6
3 pounds carrots, peeled and cut into chunks
4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter
1/2 cup milk
1 teaspoon ground cumin
Salt and ground black pepper

In a medium saucepan over high heat, bring 1 inch of water to a boil. Add the carrots, then cover the pot, reduce heat to simmer and cook for 10 to 15 minutes, or until the carrots are very tender. Use a slotted spoon to transfer the carrots to a food processor. Add the butter, milk and cumin, then process until very smooth, about 2 to 3 minutes. You will need to stop the processor and scrape down the sides of the bowl 2 or 3 times during processing. When the carrots resemble mashed potatoes, season with salt and pepper. If you prefer a smoother or looser consistency, more milk can be added during processing.

A lighter take on a classic — and fatty — dip

BY ALISON LADMAN
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Spinach and artichoke dip sounds like it should be a virtuous treat. It's loaded with vegetables. Trouble is, it's usually more mayonnaise and cheese than spinach and artichoke. So we decided to see if we could come up with a version that isn't so out of sync with healthy eating.

Spinach and artichoke dip

Start to finish: 20 minutes
 Servings: 8
1 ounce (1 serving) whole-grain crackers, crushed
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder

1/4 teaspoon onion powder
2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
6 ounces plain nonfat Greek yogurt
4 ounces low-fat cream cheese
1 teaspoon lemon zest
2 teaspoons minced fresh oregano
2 teaspoons minced fresh mint
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 small yellow onion, diced
1 clove garlic, minced
5-ounce package fresh baby spinach
14-ounce can artichoke hearts,

lightly chopped

Heat the oven to 400 F. Coat a small casserole dish with cooking spray. In a bowl, combine the cracker crumbs, garlic powder, onion powder and Parmesan. Set aside. In a food processor, combine the yogurt, cream cheese, lemon zest, oregano, mint, salt and pepper. Pulse until smooth. In a large skillet over medium-high, heat the oil. Add the onion and garlic and sauté until soft, about 5 minutes. Add the spinach and cook until soft and any liquid has evaporated, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in the artichokes and yogurt mixture. Spoon into the prepared dish. Sprinkle the cracker mixture over the dip and bake for 10 to 15 minutes.



A slimmed down version of spinach and artichoke dip in seen in this image taken March 5 in Concord, NH.

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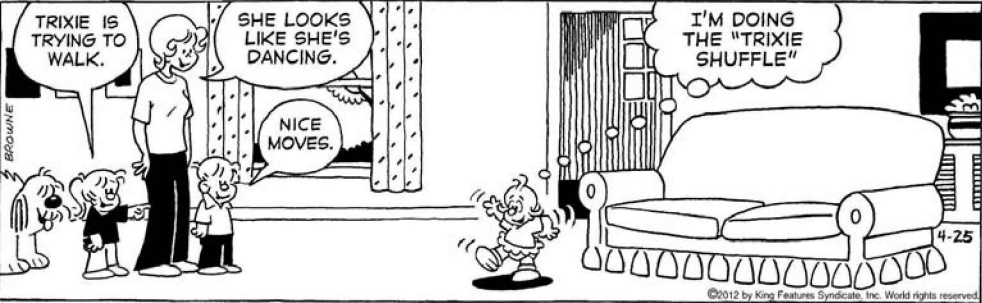
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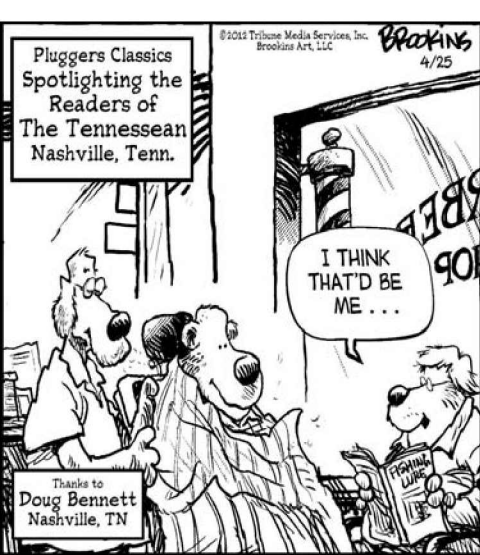
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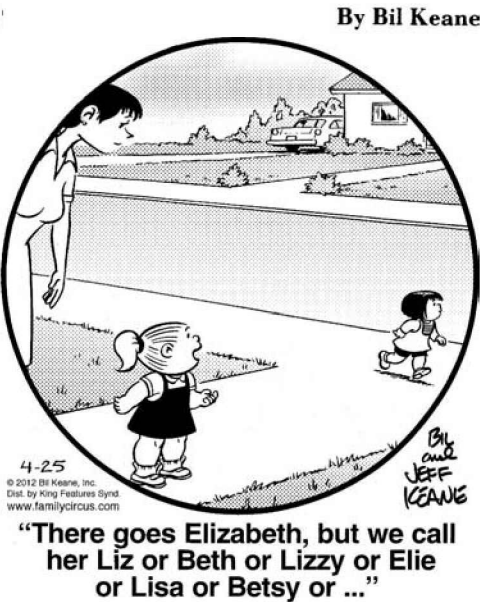
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Tennessee Titans running back Chris Johnson has reported to the team's offseason program in hopes of improving on last season's performance.

CJ on hand for offseason program

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Chris Johnson says he started working out on his own shortly after the worst season of his career, motivated to bounce back strong.

He's not ready to make any predictions for 2012 until closer to the season. But he will try to attend most of the Tennessee Titans' offseason workouts.

The running back showed up Monday for the start of the Titans' offseason program. That's a big change from last year when he missed most of the preseason before signing a new contract extension that includes incentives for him to take part in most of the program.

"This is my first day out here," Johnson said. "Either way, no matter where I'm at, I'm going to work hard and things like that. It's kind of exciting to see how it works out."

Johnson ran for 1,047 yards last season as the Titans ranked 31st in the NFL averaging 89.9 yards rushing per game.

"Of course, it motivates me and makes me want to do better than

last year," Johnson said. "I always like to get better and better every year. I feel like I didn't get better last year. There's a lot of things that go into it, but I'm not the type to make excuses and things like that. Basically, it's just working hard and trying to be better."

Johnson said he weighed in at 197 pounds, and he also plans a trip to California for some workouts as well.

The Titans seem to be doing their part to help Johnson improve the running game. They signed five-time All Pro Steve Hutchinson as a free agent, and he is expected to slide in at left guard next to left tackle Michael Roos. Hutchinson has blocked for NFL MVP Shaun Alexander in Seattle and Adrian Peterson in Minnesota.

Hutchinson also was on hand Monday along with free agent signee defensive end Kamerion Wimbley. Hutchinson said he's looking forward to working with Johnson after looking at him on film.

"I don't know if I'm the miracle answer for that, but I've been

around some pretty good runners and had success on the teams I've been on running the ball. I do what I do," Hutchinson said. "I like run blocking, I like running the ball. So we'll see what we can do."

Johnson said he's heard about Hutchinson and hopes the addition helps get the running game going.

"It's a good thing to see the coaches want to make it better," Johnson said.

Matt Hasselbeck said the more Johnson is around, the more the three-time Pro Bowl running back can lead by example.

"For me, if I'm anywhere in Tennessee, kids have a question. The first question is, 'Do you have Chris Johnson's phone number?' They love him. They absolutely love him. I've been giving his phone number out everywhere I go," Hasselbeck joked.

The program also marks the beginning of an open quarterback competition between veteran Hasselbeck and Jake Locker.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Changes coming for BCS contenders

RALPH D. RUSSO
AP COLLEGE FOOTBALL WRITER

College football's newest way to crown a national champion should become a lot clearer in south Florida on today and Thursday.

The conference commissioners in charge of the Bowl Championship Series will meet for the fourth time this year, trying to sort out the future of the BCS. They are focusing on four options, though within in each plan there are myriad details to be worked.

A memo, first reported by USA Today and obtained by The Associated Press, identified much of what's on the table.

A final decision isn't expected to come from this round of meetings, but BCS Executive Director Bill Hancock has said he'd like the conference commissioners and Notre Dame's athletic director to come out of them with extensive plans for the leagues to chew on over the next month or so.

A playoff is the best bet, but more detailed plans also allow for more reasons to object.

We break down the possibilities and give an educated guess about the chances of each being implemented.

■ **BCS With Adjustments:**

What is it?: Basically, more of the same with tweaks. No more automatic bids.

Pros: Three SEC teams in the big games.

Cons: Three SEC teams in the big games.

Chance it is chosen: It seems unlikely that the powers that be would tantalize fans with talk of expanding to a format that allows more teams the chance to enter the post-season with a shot to win the national title, and then pull the chair right out

from under them.

■ **Original "Plus One"**

What is it?: Consider this the retro option. Instead of setting the championship game matchup after the regular season and conference title games are over in early December, the title game teams would be selected after the bowls are played. But it's not No. 1 vs. No. 4 and No. 2 vs. No. 3 in the bowls. Conceivably, all the major bowls could have a team in national title contention participating.

Pros: The bowls are still important, and if you liked the old days when No. 1 could be playing in the Orange Bowl, while No. 2 was in the Cotton and No. 3 was in the Rose, this is for you.

Cons: Hard to sell this as progress.

Chance it is chosen: Outside chance.

■ **Four-team event**

What is it?: What we've all been waiting for, a playoff. A small one. The top four teams are seeded. No. 1 plays No. 4 while No. 2 plays No. 3. A week later, the winners play for the national title.

Pros: It's a playoff.

Cons: No matter how they configure it, people will complain that they screwed it up.

Chance it is chosen: If there is a leader among the formats, and Hancock insists there is not, this is it.

■ **Four Teams Plus**

What is it?: The four highest ranked teams meet in the semis, but the Big Ten and Pac-12 always play in the Rose Bowl.

Pros: Delany and Pac-12 Commissioner Larry Scott get what they want.

Con: Three semifinals?

Chance it is chose: All you need to know is this quote from Slive: "It's not one of my favorites. What we're trying to do is simplify in many ways. I don't think that adds to the simplification of the postseason."

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Be aware of someone whose information or perspective could be off. If you are single, your charisma flashes a "come hither" message. Proceed carefully, as you have so many choices. If you are attached, the two of you need to plan frequent vacations close to home, but without all the people you interact with on a daily basis. CANCER understands you better than you realize. A baby born today has a Sun in Taurus and a Moon in Gemini if born before 10:42 p.m. (PST). Afterward, the Moon will be in Cancer. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Ask questions, even if you already believe you know the answers — you could be surprised by what comes up. Reorganize your plans or a project with more accurate information. Revitalize yourself by taking a brisk walk. Tonight: Chat the night away. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Be aware of what you have to offer, and do not minimize those gifts. Someone you respect presents a new idea. Fatigue with the status quo could be wearing you down. Think of ways to reinvigorate areas of your life that might be a bit dull. Tonight: Buy that item you have been looking for. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You are all smiles. The unexpected occurs with a child or loved one. This unpredictable energy also could come out in a creative endeavor. Discuss a change more openly and recognize your goals. Tonight: Live it up. CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Sometimes by backing out you'll gain a new perspective. Try not to play into someone's controlling ways. You will feel better and start to establish stronger boundaries. Relax. Tonight: Do your thing. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Zero in on what you want with little fear as to what the reaction could be, and unexpected benefits might result. You might consider pushing away from someone who always insists on having things go his or her way. The distance could be refreshing. Tonight: Join your pals. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You resent being manipulated. You'll try to communicate this attitude to controlling people but might not always succeed. Toning down strong feelings might be imperative to restoring peace in your daily life. Focus on a child or imaginative project. Tonight: A must appearance. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Keep reaching out for someone you cannot seem to get a hold of. This person might not be directing this estrangement toward you; he or she simply needs space. Detach from a daily situation to claim your power and no longer be reactive. Tonight: Make sure you are surrounded by music you love. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Deal directly with key people who could have a great deal of impact on your life. Sometimes passing on a message might not be enough. Discussions could become animated and difficult, but you have the ability to resolve conflicts easily. Tonight: If you don't like the message, don't respond. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Others continue to take the first step. Start using the word "no" when you do not want to go along with an idea. Your sense of humor has an edge to it. Be careful, as someone could be quite reactive. Tonight: Look at your invitations, then decide. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Rethink a decision. You might be insecure and looking to become more demanding or controlling. Your way of dealing with issues might be pushing others away right now. Consider what would be the best way to change the mood. Tonight: Get some exercise, a good meal and sleep. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Be willing to explore different paths to achieve your goals. Manipulation will not work, as you'll only gain someone's resentment. Do not make assumptions. There are many reasons why someone would appear unresponsive. Instead of getting an attitude, consider all the possible reasons for this behavior. Tonight: Take a midweek break. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ You are coming from a good place; however, others simply aren't in the mood to listen. Don't keep pushing. Go off and enjoy yourself instead. Someone still might be uptight when you return. Let it go, and do not make a big issue of it. Tonight: Relax at home, then decide. BORN TODAY: Military and political leader Oliver Cromwell (1599), jazz vocalist Ella Fitzgerald (1917), actor Al Pacino (1940) ©2012 by King Features Syndicate Inc.	Commercial Property for Sale For Sale 8000 +/- commercial warehouse. \$95,000 or best offer. 270-886-6314 Located on Indian trail. SELL IT Dial 887-3250 Kentucky New Era. CLASSIFIEDS  WEDNESDAY'S HOROSCOPE JACQUELINE BIGAR
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